

# The UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club

## 2021/22 Annual Report



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# Distinguished Members & Office Bearers

## Executive Committee

P Lindsay (President), R Lavery (Senior VP), S Berman (Secretary), C Savage (Assistant Secretary), A Wayling (Treasurer), S Jagot (Assistant Treasurer), M Lloyd, N Lenoir-Jourdan, F Atshan, A Gibbons, K Campbell, D James, A Perrott, U Ghadially

## SCA Delegates

P Lindsay, K Campbell, S Berman

## Cricket NSW Delegate

P Lindsay

## Life Member of SCA

B White

## Life Members

T Chappell, D Cole, T Greenwood, S Hookey, V Kringas, M McMahon, W Playle, J Riseborough, K Riseborough, G Roberts, D Rodgie, R Shelton, G Spring, D Taylor, R Telfer, BO White, BC White, M White, P Marks, S Morgan, K Spring, C Williams, W Blackstone, W Davey, J Lawes, A Tedder, J Brian, N Deane, R Matthews, R Tulk, W Coltman, V Emery, R Minnett, R Turner, H Crompton, K Gilkes, A Moss, A Vincent, K Cunningham, C Hogue, H Pratten, G Davey, W Jones, A Punch, A Johnson, G Aitken, J Aitken, R Aitken

## 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 saw Rob Lavery step down as President with Patrick Lindsay voted unopposed as the President. Rob has left a large legacy as President with the club's growth in Women's Premier Cricket, the continued improvement in the men's Club Championship and the club's financial stability being features as his time as President. We are delighted that Rob has remained on the Executive as Senior Vice President.

Further to the change in the Executive was Sarah Berman's promotion to Honorary Secretary. Sarah is a totally indispensable member of the club and her professionalism and dedication is well regarded across the Premier Cricket community. The club also welcomed Chris Savage to the Executive as Honorary Assistant Secretary.

We also welcomed a number of new members to the Committee: Urzana Ghadially, Fudge Atshan and Ash Perrott. We also farewelled Glenn Aitken, Sam Colless and Gemma-Jayne Ashdown and the club thanks them for their service and are pleased that all are still involved in the club.

The club was delighted to grant three Life Memberships to Rob, James and Glenn Aitken. Their decades of service to the club on the field cannot be underestimated and they are worthy recipients of the honour.

In spite of the challenges experienced in 2021/22, the club is committed continued to adhere 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.

## Committee Attendance

Patrick Lindsay – 100%

Rob Lavery – 80%

Sarah Berman – 100%

Chris Savage – 60%

Adam Wayling – 100%

Simon Jagot – 70%

Kathy Campbell – 100%

Michael Lloyd – 90%

David James – 90%

Alan Gibbons – 90%

Fudge Atshan – 70%

Nicole Lenoir-Jourdan – 90%

Urzana Ghadially – 90%

Ash Perrott – 100%

# President's Report

**Patrick Lindsay**

Season 2021/22 doubled down on the challenges presented in the prior season, adding biblical rain to the issue of public health that has consumed much of our lives over the past two years. Again sport, and in our case cricket, provided a welcome relief from the challenges we have all experienced. Nevertheless, fulfilling this season and the club's on-field obligations were certainly not stress-free! The club's administrators, however, all navigated the choppy waters calmy and with dignity. Cricket NSW continued to guide the cricket community with a steady hand and they, in conjunction with the SCA, need to be commended for their management over the past two seasons.

## **On the field**

On the men's side, a season made up almost entirely of one-day cricket (due to COVID-19 protocols) was played with the club finishing 15<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship – a disappointing slide from the 8<sup>th</sup> placed finish the season prior. Most Grades were competitive throughout the season, however, ultimately, the club's predisposition for 2-day cricket resulted in a challenging season on the field. Improving our white-ball cricket continues to be a focus across all Grades.

Fifth Grade were the standout grade on the Mens side, making the semi-final. They went down to the Premiers, Eastern Suburbs, at Waverley. Alex Perry can be commended for his leadership of the side which featured no fewer than 30 players throughout the season. Perry was also the standout player scoring the most runs and taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> most wickets for the team. We look forward to Alex taking these performances to higher grades in the future.

Green Shield were another bright spot, finishing one spot out of the finals in 9<sup>th</sup> place. Greenies, led by coach Jason Krejza and skipper Hamish Reynolds had a tough draw facing three of the semi-finalists in the

regular season. Hamish Reynolds capped off his Green Shield career with a 4<sup>th</sup> placed finish in the competition runs tally, therefore earning himself a place in the Green Shield Merit XI. Thanks also must be given to our Clubperson of the Year, Lachlan Reynolds' management of this team.

On the women's side, it was a very disrupted season with too much rain and too little cricket. That said, there were some spectacular results when the weather relented, headlined by Grace Keating's spectacular maiden second grade hundred against Northern Districts.

The Brewer Shield side also had some impressive development under Rob Aitken's leadership with a strong win over Universities on the back of some terrific spin bowling the highlight. Third grade also had a good win against Universities to close out the year thanks to a terrific all-round performance.

I would like to thank also the members of the club who led teams this season. Being a captain can be a thankless task – however we can be proud of the sterling efforts of our leaders this season. Through their guidance we saw a number of exceptional individual performances throughout the year.

None more so than Justin Avendano, whose amazing season culminated in selection in the Kingsgrove Sports First Grade Team of Year. Justin's season included four hundreds and three 50s. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> on the NSW Premier Cricket 1st grade run aggregate with 5 less innings than the winner. His average was the highest of the top 10 and his strike rate was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest of the top 10. Justin is now 10<sup>th</sup> in the all time First Grade run scorers for our club. Another season like this one and the top 5 beckons!

Season 2021/22 also saw the club field a joint Women's Second Grade side with Gordon. This joint venture team provided our players with a further avenue to play a higher standard of cricket. It's great to see such collaboration between the two clubs.

Congratulations must be given to the incomparable Bernie Vince who was awarded the lower grade ground of the year for Tunks Park once again. This is his 13<sup>th</sup> victory in 18 seasons in this award.

### **Cricket operations**

We welcomed John Saint into the coaching fold in season 2021/22, with John assisting Director of Cricket Gary Whitaker with coaching duties throughout the season. John's passion, energy and positive attitude was a breath of fresh air throughout the club and we look forward to John stepping into the Head Coach role next season.

I'd like to thank Gary Whitaker for his dedication as Director of Men's Cricket throughout the season. Gary also stepped into the role of selector this season. On the women's side I would like to thank Rob Lavery, Rob Aitken, Michael Keating, Greg Buckley and others, for stepping into the breach to assist the women's program when Michelle was unable to lead the program due to illness. We are thrilled with Michelle's recovery and look forward to seeing her back leading our women's program next season. I would also like to thank Alan Gibbons for his tireless support of the Women's Third Grade side as well as his wider coordination role.

Finally, I would like to thank Jason Krejza who departs the club after a number of seasons. Jason has held several roles over his time with the Bears, including Head Coach and most recently Junior Development Manager. Jason has accepted a Head Coaching role at Campbelltown Camden CC and we thank him for his services to the Bears and wish him well into the future. I'd also like to pay tribute to Lachlan Reynolds for his help running nets, and Ash Perrott for his efforts helping the players with fielding and fitness at training and on match days.

### **Partners**

The Bears once again continued their highly valued partnership with UTS this season. The support from UTS, particularly during a very challenging period for

the University, is indispensable to our functioning as an organisation. We thank Fudge, Sam and all the team at UTS Sport.

### **Financial support and sponsorships**

UTS North Sydney continued its relationships with major sponsor Access RnD, as well as The Union Hotel, Hartford Partners and Lavender Ridge, in 2021/22. These relationships play a pivotal role in the maintaining the financial stability of the club. A huge thanks to Rod, Dave and the team at Access RnD for their continued generous support. Thanks too to all our player sponsors.

We also welcomed Kieser Cammeray into the fold in season 2021/22. Kieser Cammeray are a local physiotherapy clinic and their support, including physiotherapy services at training, were greatly appreciated. Thanks to Tas and the team.

The club has continued to receive substantial grant support from Cricket NSW, the Australian Cricketers' Association, local and state governments in 2021/22. 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**

The senior club continues to foster strong engagement with the North Sydney Junior District Cricket Club to provide pathways for local juniors to represent the club at the NSW Premier Cricket and NSW Women's Premier Cricket level. Indeed, a number of local juniors earned selection in the Green Shield and Brewer Shield Squads this season. Thanks must be given to Karl, Jenny, Cameron and everyone at our junior club. We look forward to deepening the relationship further via the Monday and Wednesday squads next season. Huge thanks to Jack Thomas, Ash

**Perrott, Todd Harper 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 this season.**

### **Volunteers**

**Finally, I would like to thank a group close to my heart - the volunteers. Without the volunteers the club truly will cease to function.**

**I'd like to pay tribute to two volunteers in particular: Sarah Berman, whose commitment to the club is second to none, and Craig Tomko who holds the thankless role of Chairman of Selectors and who had to select teams for 17 consecutive rounds this season! Craig's presence is invaluable and his commitment to watching as many players as possible is first rate.**

**We look forward to an improved season on the park next year with continued growth off-field.**

# Volunteer Report

**Sarah Berman**

Our volunteer activity has gone from strength to strength during the 2021/22 season, in particular supporting the club as we continued to navigate COVID-19 and the resulting ever-changing restrictions and implications on fixtures and training. It was quite the year for Chief Selector, Craig Tomko, especially in the week when we lost three First Graders to COVID and the BBL on a Friday morning!

COVID also continued to affect the catering we could provide, and Kathy Campbell navigated this with aplomb. Nevertheless, we were all delighted when her chicken burgers made their long-awaited return towards the end of the season! Chris Higgs and Rachel Pryce took on management of the canteen for Second Grade home games, which was appreciated by our players, opponents and umpires alike. Kathy also played a huge role outside matchday, including organising a hugely successful Presentation Evening.

At that event, Lachlan Reynolds' immense contribution was recognised with the Clubperson of the Year award. As well as managing our Green Shield squad for the 4th year, Lachlan took on the role of net coordinator for this season at short notice, is a mainstay of the club as a scorer and has, more recently, taken on responsibility for Frogbox live streaming as well.

Joining Lachlan in volunteer team management and coaching roles has been Ash Perrott in the men's section, who continued his tireless work both on matchdays and midweek, and Alan Gibbons, Rob Lavery, Michael Keating, Robbie Aitken, Greg Buckley and Julien David in the women's. The women's management team, in particular Rob and Alan, are to be thanked for taking on extra responsibility in Michelle Goszko's absence. As in previous seasons, an

army of women's squad parents provided support with scoring and providing drinks and ice. Meanwhile, Gemma-Jayne Ashdown was a mainstay scoring for Second Grade.

The loan of a second Frogbox from Cricket NSW opened up opportunities for more teams to have their moments in the sun - but only thanks to Lachlan, David Rodgie, Greg Buckley, Alan Gibbons and Jeff Vilensky for doing the setup, as well as David James who continued to coordinate our Frogbox activity. The social media team (Adam Cavenor, Evy McKay, Aiden Bariol, Chris Savage) ensured we made the most of the vast quantity of footage, as well as photographs provided by David, Tony Johnson, Greg Buckley and Malcolm Trees. Adam has led the evolution of our social media presence, including producing slick graphics and Instagram video reels, and Rob Lavery has continued his stewardship of the club website.

Huge thanks are due to everyone who's supported the club's fundraising efforts this season, in particular Kathy Campbell, Simon Jagot, Nicole James and Michael Lloyd. This has enabled us to continue to invest in coaching and keep registration fees constant for several years.

It is fitting to conclude by thanking the members of the club's volunteer cohort who are leaving the club for all of their service. David and Nicole James have played a huge role in our media and fundraising over the past three years, including Nicole managing external media relations, sourcing sponsors and raffle prizes, and David coordinating match reports and Frogbox as well as taking a phenomenal portfolio of First Grade photos. David also spent two years as PGs scorer and has scored for First Grade when I wasn't available. We're grateful for all their efforts and contributions. In addition, we will miss Aiden Bariol's tireless work off the pitch as well as on it, as he seeks new opportunities in Tasmania.

# NSDCC's 46<sup>th</sup> Life Member

## Robert Aitken

In 2001, before some of his current teammates were born, Rob Aitken joined the Bears. He has since played over 300 first grade games for the club.

It is hard to know where to start describing Rob's career. He has played the record number of Sydney First Grade games. He is one of only two men with 11,000 First Grade runs and 600 First Grade wickets. He played in the NSW U19 and U21 sides before earning a NSW 2nd XI selection. He has won the Bill O'Reilly Medal for the best player in Sydney Grade Cricket and the Michael Bevan medal for player of the one day final. He has been a premiership player at the club and played in numerous finals matches. He is the club's 2nd highest First Grade run-scorer and 5th highest First Grade wicket-taker. Numbers say volumes about Rob.



What won't turn up in the record books, however, is the grace with which Rob carries himself in all elements of club life. There is not a player, volunteer or club supporter Rob won't chat to. He'll celebrate a ball well bowled in the nets whether it is delivered by James Campbell or the newest of Green Shield players. He will also brightly commentate a well struck drive if you're foolish enough to feed him a straight half-volley.

It isn't widely known that Rob is the club's, and possible the association's, foremost helmet painter and decorator. More than one bright-eyed young Bear has turned to Rob to have their helmet blackened and badged – and been delighted with the results.

Rob's humility makes the club environment more pleasant to be around and his wisdom is available to anyone who wants to ask.

He has also been an active clubman, helping lead the team when required and going above and beyond to help get the club in the press. Rob is always generous with his time.



In the past couple of years, Rob has provided incredibly valuable insights and coaching to our women's players at mid-week trainings, and it has been genuinely delightful to see his daughter, Emily, coming through the ranks of our Brewer Shield squad.

For his tireless service, on behalf of the committee, I thus propose Robert Aitken for life membership of the North Sydney District Cricket Club.



*Rob Lavery - speech from 2020/21 AGM*

## NSDCC's 47<sup>th</sup> Life Member

### James Aitken

James is unquestionably one of the all-time great Bears. Sitting fifth on the club's all-time First Grade run-scorers' list is reason enough. Since joining the Bears in the 2002/03 season and claiming cap 569, James has amassed over 8,050 runs at 27.47 for the club. 6,449 of those runs have been scored in the top grade. He has scored 7 centuries and 47 fifties for the Bears, with his top score of 142 coming in a victory over an Easts side boasting internationals David Warner, Peter Nevill and Will Somerville.



For the majority of James' career he was seen as a top order batsman, however, in recent years James has added seam bowling to his repertoire. He has taken 125 wickets for the club at 25 with one 5-for and has taken 58 of those wickets in First Grade.

I've played quite a bit of cricket with James over the years and can confirm is one of the best teammates you can ask for. Experienced, focussed, determined, committed are words that spring to mind. Delivers a great appeal as well!

I recall James took the catch for my first wicket in first grade at Sydney Uni. A long hop hit very hard to him in the box on the on side. I'm not sure how it

didn't break his hand! I also claim some credit for James' development into a seamer having asked him to bowl in a trial game on the central coast many moons ago. This was after he snicked me off on multiple occasions in preseason nets – not too difficult I know! James took a couple of wickets in that trial and I remember Mike Lloyd bowling him in a 2s one-dayer at Raby. We were defending 164 and James nearly got us over the line taking 5/23 off 7 overs.



James has been playing First Grade for 22 seasons and grade cricket for even longer. He has been a tremendous servant, not only for North Sydney, but grade cricket in Sydney. Cricket is a great game and James plays it the right way. Hard and fair. All players can learn a lot from James' dedication to cricket and respect he clearly has for Sydney Grade Cricket and First Grade. Playing First Grade at any club is a serious achievement and James (and his brothers) have borne this out over their careers.

Finally, tonight is by no means a valedictory. We hope to see James continue to take the field for Bears and add to what has been an all-time Bears' career. It gives me great pleasure to formally recommend Mr James Aitken as life member of the North Sydney District Cricket Club.

*Patrick Lindsay - speech from 2020/21 AGM*

## NSDCC's 48<sup>th</sup> Life Member

### Glenn Aitken

Today I have the honour of saying a few words about Glenn Aitken and his amazing family, outlining why they should be given life membership of the North Sydney District Cricket Club. To be nominated for this great honour while still playing says everything about this family. All three brothers are very unique and different in their own way.



I've never met a better role model on and off the field than Glenn. Everybody at this club has felt your presence in one way or another. You inspire so many people without even trying to, and regardless of your cricketing career, you could be inducted for just being a leader and the role model you are.



I thought I would start with a quick story about Glenn and what he has meant to me. As some people know, I foolishly gave the game away at 22 thinking I was done. Glenn was the first to call me. Glenn has the knack of making you feel like you're his son and he's trying to support you through any situation life throws at you. Cricket is a tough game and probably the most mentally draining of sports that anyone can play, but not to Glenn. We spoke multiple times over the winter's break about cricket, work, life, my goals and what life without cricket looks like. He was there as a friend and a mentor.



Glenn then got me back for a pre-season training session knowing I didn't want to play but just said to come anyway. Glenn told me to forget any doubts I've ever had about the game and just bat the way you want to bat. No one is judging, no one cares what you do because you're not playing right? I never had so much fun at training. I felt like a new person. Batting suddenly became easy just playing with freedom. Glenn and a few others convinced me to play the trial game the next week. Still to this day the most important game of cricket I've ever played. Cricket was suddenly fun again. Glenn, in two weeks, changed my whole view on the game.

I've seen Glenn do this with so many people at the club in the past nine years. Glenn doesn't even know he does it. It comes naturally. Without you I would not be here speaking today and my life would be very different.

Now to his cricket. For the past few years Glenn hasn't been able to bowl his beautiful drifting, dipping and ever so slightly turning off breaks since injuring his shoulder playing in England. Glenn was one of the dominant spinners in First Grade for the better part of two decades. 215 First Grade matches, 255 wickets at an incredible average of 28 for the Bears. He always plays down how good he was, saying Rob had the talent, but Glenn had his brain. He was working batsmen out like it was a game of chess.

Glenn also had an incredible ability to score some very handy lower order runs. He single-handedly got us to a First grade Grand final in 2012/13 when he was given the chance to open the batting and play with absolute freedom. He finished the year as the leading run scorer with a strike rate over 140. He

scored 86 in the final, then Rob bowled us to victory 5 for 17. Glenn scored over 3,000 first grade runs for the Bears at an average of 20, but I'm sure 80% of those runs were scored when the team needed him to.

There are two sides to Glenn. As a cricketer he is fierce, aggressive, determined with a never-say-die attitude. Off the field he is a humble, kind and inspiring.

I know where you guys get your cricket passion, and that from your dad Bob, who unfortunately isn't with us anymore but he would be incredibly proud of all your achievements tonight, and I can't wait to see your biggest supporter, your mum, Jayne, cheering us when the season kicks off.

*Justin Avendano – speech from 2020/21 AG*



 <p><b>VICTOR EMERY CLUB</b> UTS 5/42 vs Western Suburbs Round 1 <b>8th</b> UTS North Sydney First Grade 5-for, 14th for all clubs</p>	 <p><b>AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB</b> UTS 101 vs Western Suburbs Round 1 <b>2nd</b> UTS North Sydney First Grade hundred</p>	 <p><b>AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB</b> UTS 171 vs Gordon Round 2 <b>10th</b> UTS North Sydney First Grade hundred</p>
 <p><b>VICTOR EMERY CLUB</b> UTS 5/36 vs MOSMAN Round 6 <b>5th</b> UTS NORTH SYDNEY 5-FOR</p>	 <p><b>AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB</b> UTS 100* vs St George 12th Round 5 <b>1st</b> UTS North Sydney 12th hundred</p>	 <p><b>AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB</b> UTS 122 vs Sydney University Round 7 <b>12th</b> UTS North Sydney First Grade hundred</p>
 <p><b>AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB</b> UTS 114* vs Northern District Round 11 <b>10th</b> UTS North Sydney First Grade hundred</p>	 <p><b>AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB</b> UTS 105* vs Northern District Round 10 <b>1st</b> ever female century- maker for the Beers</p>	 <p><b>VICTOR EMERY CLUB</b> UTS 5/39 vs Northern District Round 11 <b>4th</b> UTS North Sydney First Grade 5-for</p>

GREEN SHIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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BREWER SHIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR



SHILOH JULIEN

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THE BELLEVUE

POIDEVIN-GRAY PLAYER OF THE YEAR



HARRI LEE-YOUNG

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THE BELLEVUE

FOURTH GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



PATRICK LINDSAY

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THE BELLEVUE

FIFTH GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



ALEXANDER PERRY

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WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE  
PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



GRACE KEATING & OLIVIA CALLAGHAN

ACCESS RND BRADMAN MEDALLIST



JUSTIN AVENDANO

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WOMEN'S THIRD GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



AMY GIBBONS

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THE BELLEVUE

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE  
PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



GRACE KEATING

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THE BELLEVUE

DOUG COLE  
THIRD GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



HARRISON MAY

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YOUNG CLUBPEOPLE OF THE YEAR



ADAM CAVENOR & GRACE KEATING

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CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR



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BEVYN WHITE CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



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FRANK PUNCH  
SECOND GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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## Milestones

### **Rob Aitken**

500 First Grade matches  
400 UTS North Sydney wickets

### **Glenn Aitken**

7,000 NSW Premier Cricket runs

### **Matt Alexander**

100 UTS North Sydney First Grade wickets  
100 First Grade matches

### **Raymond Alexander**

3,000 NSW Premier Cricket runs

### **Justin Avendano**

5,000 First Grade runs  
6,000 UTS North Sydney runs  
8,000 NSW Premier Cricket runs

### **Aiden Bariol**

4,000 NSW Premier Cricket runs

### **James Campbell**

400 NSW Premier Cricket wickets

### **Oliver Knight**

2,000 NSW Premier Cricket runs

### **Patrick Lindsay**

350 NSW Premier Cricket wickets

### **Harrison May**

100 NSW Premier Cricket wickets

## Representatives

### **BBL**

Justin Avendano

### **ACT/NSW Country 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Justin Avendano

### **NSW Metro U16s**

Grace Keating  
Lucy Warren

### **NSW Metro Academies**

Jamieson Hedges  
Hamish Reynolds  
Grace Keating  
Lucy Warren

### **NSW Indoor U18s**

Elizabeth Buckley

### **NSW All Schools**

Jamieson Hedges

### **NSW Combined High Schools**

Jamieson Hedges (1<sup>st</sup> XI)  
Hamish Reynolds (2<sup>nd</sup> XI)

### **NSW Combined Catholic Colleges**

Grace Keating

### **Australian Universities XI**

Mac Jenkins

# Justin Avendano

## Kingsgrove Sports First Grade Team of the Year

In a decorated career for the club, Justin Avendano put together his best season for the Bears in season 2021/22, earning selection in the Kingsgrove Sports First Grade Team of the Year. Justin was the leading run scorer in the First Grade competitions (Belvidere Cup and Kingsgrove T20 combined) with 836 runs at an average 76 with 4 hundreds and three fifties in just 13 innings.

To demonstrate the quality of Justin's season, note the second and third placed individuals on the aggregate runs list (Josh Clarke – Wests and Scott Rodgie – Northern District) accumulated their 826 and 813 runs in 19 innings and at an average of 43.47 and 42.78 respectively!



The highlights of Justin's season were clearly the four hundreds, the first of which was scored at Bon Andrews vs his former club Gordon. Justin's 171 was scored off just 122 balls with 11 fours and 11 sixes. In one particular over Justin bludgeoned 5 sixes for a total of 35 runs (including 4 sundries and a single)!

Justin scored 122 off 114 balls (11 fours and 4 sixes) in Round 7 vs Sydney Uni at North Sydney Oval and 127 off 135 balls (14 fours and 2 sixes) vs Sutherland at Glenn McGrath Oval in Round 13.

But the other highlight was Justin's first T20 century for the club vs St George at North Sydney Oval. Justin scored an even 100\* off 53 balls with 4 fours and 10

sixes. Justin brought up his century off the last ball of the innings as he shared a memorable 177\* run stand with Brent Atherton. Justin also took the 17<sup>th</sup> over for 30 runs with 5 straight sixes.



Justin has scored 5,568 runs for the Bears at the top grade at an average of 40.06 since joining from Gordon in 2012/13, and he has a mammoth 8,354 runs in his overall NSW Premier Cricket career. A destructive batsman, Justin has a habit of "going large" once he gets in. He's scored 13 First Grade hundreds, with 4 scores in excess of 160.



Justin is unquestionably one of the greatest Bears of the modern era and season 2021/22 he entered the top 10 First Grade run scorers for the club of all time. His stellar 2021/22 season also saw him crowned the winner of the Bradman Medal and the Bevyn White Cricketer of the Year in addition to playing his 150<sup>th</sup> First Grade game for the club. Justin also holds the distinctive record of being the only player to represent two BBL franchises in the same season! In BBL 11 Justin scored 101 runs at 14.43 and a top score of 52 for the Sixers vs the Strikers.

# Robert Aitken

## 500th First Grade Match

The Bears and St George marked Rob Aitken's 500 game milestone at North Sydney Oval on 4 December 2021 with a presentation ahead of play. Bears' President, Pat Lindsay, Craig Hambleton of the SCA and Cricket NSW CEO, Lee Germon, all spoke of Rob's immense contribution to the club and Premier Cricket, both on and off the field, before Rob was presented by a special baggy cap by the club and a plaque by Cricket NSW.

In paying tribute to Rob on behalf of the Bears, Pat said, "Rob is a once in a lifetime player for this club. You cannot write the history of North Sydney District Cricket Club without a lengthy chapter about Rob Aitken." He outlined Robbie's extraordinary statistics but highlighted how much more to Robbie there is beyond the stats. In particular, Robbie is not slowing down and is playing some of the best cricket of his career, he is a wonderful teammate and clubman, and has a deep passion for cricket and respect for Premier Cricket.



Craig Hambleton said that the milestone is a testament to Robbie's passion for the game, and his competitiveness and dedication. He also highlighted that Robbie is not only the first in NSW but the first in Australia to play 500 First Grade matches in Premier Cricket. Lee Germon described the milestone as an "incredible feat" and noted that Premier Cricket is the lifeblood of the game in NSW, highlighting the

contribution that Rob has made to hundreds of players' careers.

Rob started his First Grade career in 1992 for Fairfield-Liverpool, making his debut on 28 November against Balmain. It was an inauspicious start, as Rob failed to score and did not bowl, but since then his career has been littered with highlights.

He played in the NSW U19 and U21 sides before earning a NSW 2nd XI selection. In the 2000/01 season, his last before joining the Bears, Rob won the coveted Bill O'Reilly Medal for the best player in Sydney Grade Cricket. In 2012/13, he added the Michael Bevan Medal for the best player in the Sydney Grade Cricket limited overs final to his collection. In the process, he helped the Bears win their fifth limited overs title.



Rob played for three previous clubs, Fairfield-Liverpool, Petersham-Marrickville and Parramatta, but his current season is his 21st with the Bears after he joined "for one season, just to see what it was like" as he told a Newscorp interview when he broke the appearances record. Since 2001, he has represented the club 371 times at the top grade, and become our second-highest run scorer (8,186) and third-highest wicket taker (399).

Rob is a unique cricketer, a once in a generation player. He is one of a handful of players in the world who have been able to master the ability to bowl the finger spun off and leg breaks – in the style of Iverson and Gleeson. As a result, he has been the object of much mystery, admiration and confusion, particularly

by opposition batsmen, over 600 of whom have lost their wicket to his skilful deliveries. In Round 1 of this season, he took the most recent of his 14 five-wicket hauls to bowl us to victory against Western Suburbs.



He is also a hard-hitting batsman with over 11,000 First Grade runs to his credit including 8 centuries and 59 fifties. His remarkable record sees him join Grant Lambert as the only players with 11,000 runs and 600 wickets in the over 125-year history of Sydney Grade Cricket.

In his 30-season career at the top grade (so far) and 510 matches, Rob has scored his 11,470 runs at 29.11, and taken 630 wickets at 27.15.



Cricket is a family affair for the Aitkens. Rob's father played 28 seasons of First Grade cricket for Cumberland, Sydney and Parramatta, and took 816 wickets, and Rob has played much of his career with his two brothers James and Glenn at UTS North Sydney. James and Glenn have, themselves, forged formidable First Grade careers, and all three were awarded life membership of the club at the 2021 AGM while still active players. It is hard to imagine a family ever besting the Aitkens' record of over 1,400 first grade games. The youngest Bear in the Aitken family is Rob's daughter, Emily, who is a member of our Brewer Shield squad, and Rob's immense contribution to the club has recently been further augmented with his invaluable coaching support to the girls.



The match itself was an extraordinary win for the Bears against a star-studded St George side, with Rob a key contributor, conceding only 32 off his 10 overs. At the conclusion, both teams joined in a guard of honour as Rob left the field after the handshakes.

# In Memoriam

## Keith Rodgie

Keith Rodgie (aged 95) passed away on Monday, 18 October after an extended stay in an aged care facility. As a long-term stalwart of over 70 years with the club, he had been recognised as the oldest past player still with us.

As a player he represented the club for just short of 30 years and earned First Grade cap #363. He spent time as Treasurer of the club as well as being involved in the coaching and administration of the North Sydney juniors.

Many of today's players will know Keith as a long-time attendee at the club's matches especially where son David and grandsons Scott and Justin were playing.



Grandson Justin, Keith, son David and grandson Scott at the Bevyn White 50 year lunch in 2013

## Roland 'Ro' Shelton

The UTS North Sydney District Cricket club was saddened to hear of the passing of life member Roland 'Ro' Shelton on Sunday 3 July.

Ro joined the club in the late 1960s from the far north of NSW and made his First Grade debut against Mosman in 1970/71. Ro was a quick leg spin bowler who extracted a lot of turn and bounce. In 1976/77 he

had the lowest bowling average in the competition (min 30 wickets) with 45 @ 13.88.

Over a 13-season First Grade career Ro took 389 wickets (4th all time for club) at an average of 20.61 with nineteen 5-wicket hauls and best figures of 6/11. In fact, he claimed 6 wickets in an innings on a remarkable nine occasions. He was also a more than handy batsman scoring 3,972 runs @ 23.64 and a highest score of 114.



Sydney Morning Herald journalist, Jason Dasey, wrote of Ro in 1980:

*"Shelton, one of the best grade players not to appear in first-class cricket, was superb, combining ferocious spin with accuracy."*

Ro was First Grade captain from 1977/78 to 1982/83 and played a key role in the reinvigoration of the club. Being a former NSW County Emu, he was able to foster a relationship with the Emus whereby many representative country players came to Norths to foster their cricketing careers. Ro is one of the most decorated members of the club, being a life member, First Grade captain and First Grade player number #422.

The club also lost Greg Hambleton who played during the 1980's. The club passes its condolences to Greg's family and friends.

# Director of Men's Cricket Report

**Gary Whitaker**

Back-to-back seasons of restrictions due to the pandemic, once again disrupted our pre-season preparation with respect to player development programs, strength and conditioning athlete schedule, trial games etc.

Add to this the long list of injuries to our First Grade players (Tom Jagot, Tim Reynolds, James Campbell, Mac Jenkins) unavailability of our better cricketers in the lower grades due to their work commitments plus my limited involvement due surgery (bi-lateral knee replacements) certainly contributed to our poor season.

Taken this into consideration, there were some quality team performances from our Green Shield squad, led extremely well by Hamish Reynolds whose team missed the finals by one point, and our 5th grade side who finished 3rd with our captain Alex Perry inspiring leadership creating/developing a fantastic environment for his players. Well done to both Alex and Hamish on their contribution over the season, and to all the captains throughout the season for their efforts.

15th in the Club Championship is not the place we want to be and, even with all the hurdles we needed to jump, it is not acceptable. We are a very proud club and we all should strive to drive our standards to make sure we finish at least in the top 6.

John Saint is a great gain as our club coach which was needed, especially as I, as previously mentioned, was incapacitated due to knee surgery. His knowledge and

experience of the game plus his endeavours moving forward to develop and coach the Bears after a tough season will a huge asset.

Ash Perrott - what can I say that hasn't been said before? His passion endless drive to help the club, players is second to none. I will always be extremely grateful to Ash and I hope that this will continue as I know how much the players love his involvement.

Many thanks to Craig Tomko for his contribution as Chairman of Selectors which is by no means a walk in the park. Having experience assisting team selections this season, I will never ever underestimate the role Craig performs each and every week.

To Pat and the Committee, other coaches, captains and players - thank you for your support during the season especially during my surgery and rehabilitation.

12<sup>th</sup> in First Grade (3 more wins we play finals, noting some unfortunate wet weather when we were in strong positions) 17<sup>th</sup> in Second Grade (too many what if's) 10<sup>th</sup> in Third Grade (two wins we play finals) 12<sup>th</sup> in Fourth Grade (again we needed to convert a couple of games), PG's with one win, are just not the outcomes we were hoping for.

As you can see small margins between success and failure, but it's up each and every individual to identify how you can be more consistent in your performance to collectively make a difference to produce successful outcomes.

The challenge is there for all of us to drive standards work together to make a difference and prepare to play our best cricket.

# First Grade Report

**Thomas Jagot**

A delayed start to the season meant a November kick off and a vast majority of white ball cricket for our First Grade group. With the same squad as the previous season, hopes were high of a top 6 finish and some finals cricket. Covid chaos meant Bon Andrews saw more First Grade cricket than our bowlers would've hoped.



Bon Andrews was the scene of Jack James 2<sup>nd</sup> career First Grade hundred in Round 1 and a win against Wests. Round 2 was nothing short of extraordinary, with Justin Avendano smashing 171 off 122 in a total of 365. Amazingly, we lost the game whilst also losing 8 turf balls onto the adjacent Warringah Freeway. This rollercoaster start continued throughout the season. The boys played some inspired cricket in patches and some head scratching cricket in others. A 12<sup>th</sup> place finish was a fair reflection.



Justin Avendano had a brilliant season: 4 hundreds, a recall to the Big Bash and selection in the Premier Cricket Merit XI were well deserved reward. Justin in full flight is the best batter in the competition and we hope he's got plenty of years left.

Olly Knight had a breakthrough season in First Grade with 320 runs and 17 wickets. Highlights included 4/63 and 54 against Blacktown and a dominate 78 against Mosman. He sits on 99 First Grade appearances, so we're guaranteed at least one more season from the big fella before he pursues his golf career!



Robbie Aitken notched up his 500<sup>th</sup> First Grade appearance in Round 5 against St George. The only person in the history of Australian Premier Cricket to reach that landmark, it is a truly remarkable achievement for a special individual. He picked up 21 wickets at an economy rate of under 5. Often bowling the death overs, Robbie's skills were rewarded with his 11<sup>th</sup> 5 wicket haul against Wests.



Other notable performances included Aiden Bariol's 105 against Penrith, Mac Jenkins batting going from strength to strength, finishing with an average above 60, Matt Alexander's 5/39 against Northern District and Jimmy Greenslade, Adam Cavenor and Lachlan Stewart all impressing in their debuts.

A big thanks has to go to John Saint, who joined us as our assistant coach. Sainty brought energy, experience and toughness to our group and will be a valuable asset into the future as he takes over the head coaching role.



Gary Whitaker went above and beyond this season, having a double knee replacement but still showing up to support and provide advice. Gary has been

immense in his three years as our head coach and we can't thank him enough.



Sarah Berman is the heartbeat of our side, organising anything and everything one could imagine. Without Sarah we'd be headless chooks on match day. We're extremely fortunate Sarah decided to live in North Sydney when she moved to Australia. Thanks, must also go out to Ash Perrott, Pat Lindsey, Kathy Campbell and Todd Harper; Ash with his analysis of oppositions, Kathy with her running of the canteen, Pat with his communication and Todd...well just being Todd all made captaining this group an easy and enjoyable experience.

Can't wait for next season



## First Grade Statistics – One and Two-Day Cricket

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NOs	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Justin Avendano	10	10	707	1	3	3	171	78.56	7
Jack James	14	14	375	1	2	1	101	28.85	3
Brent Atherton	13	13	359	4	3	-	84	39.89	1
Aiden Bariol	14	14	343	1	1	1	105	26.38	19/4
Thomas Jagot	12	12	340	1	2	1	114*	30.91	3
Oliver Knight	14	12	320	3	3	-	78	35.56	7
Tim Reynolds	6	6	248	2	3	-	91*	62.00	4
Mac Jenkins	8	6	188	3	2	-	62	62.67	5
Jimmy Greenslade	3	3	94	-	1	-	78	31.33	3
Robert Aitken	13	9	93	3	-	-	33	15.50	3
Adam Cavenor	3	3	67	1	-	-	41	33.50	-
James Aitken	11	5	55	4	-	-	14*	55.00	-
Matthew Alexander	14	2	13	1	-	-	11	13.00	1
James Campbell	11	1	7	1	-	-	7*	-	4
Kobe Allison	1	1	3	-	-	-	3	3.00	-
Raymond Alexander	1	1	3	-	-	-	3	3.00	-

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Matthew Alexander	117.5	12	606	23	1	26.35	5.14	5/39
James Campbell	105.3	10	538	19	-	28.32	5.10	4/39
Robert Aitken	102.0	2	498	18	1	27.67	4.88	5/42
Oliver Knight	101.0	5	625	17	-	36.76	6.19	4/63
Jack James	95.4	3	467	12	-	38.92	4.88	3/25
Mac Jenkins	58.0	4	247	7	-	35.29	4.26	2/25
James Aitken	68.0	1	292	5	-	58.40	4.29	2/30
Justin Avendano	0.1	-	2	-	-	-	12.00	0/2
Kobe Allison	2.0	-	22	-	-	-	11.00	0/22
Sam Alexander	27.0	1	176	-	-	-	6.52	0/19

# First Grade Statistics – T20 Cricket

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Brent Atherton	4	4	136	1	1	-	89*	45.33	1
Justin Avendano	3	3	129	1	-	1	100*	64.50	2
Thomas Jagot	3	3	87	-	1	-	63	29.00	-
Aiden Bariol	4	3	81	-	1	-	50	27.00	2/3
Tim Reynolds	3	3	53	1	-	-	39	26.50	2
Jack James	4	3	36	1	-	-	19*	18.00	2
Oliver Knight	4	3	30	-	-	-	23	10.00	1
Robert Aitken	4	2	19	1	-	-	11*	19.00	-
Kobe Allison	3	2	13	2	-	-	7*	-	-
Matthew Alexander	4	1	1	-	-	-	1	1.00	-
James Campbell	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1.00	1

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Sam Alexander	15.0	-	90	8	-	11.25	6.00	3/21
Oliver Knight	13.2	-	98	4	-	24.50	7.35	2/20
Lloyd Pope	4.0	1	35	3	-	11.67	8.75	3/35
Matthew Alexander	11.0	-	52	3	-	17.33	4.73	2/17
Robert Aitken	12.0	-	81	3	-	27.00	6.75	2/21
James Campbell	6.0	-	32	2	-	16.00	5.33	2/13
Jack James	8.0	-	64	1	-	64.00	8.00	1/29
Kobe Allison	2.0	-	19	-	-	-	9.50	0/19



# Second Grade Report

**Glenn Aitken**

The 2021/22 season was very unusual in a number of ways. It was significantly affected by the global pandemic. Consequently, the season was scheduled to have 17 rounds of exclusively 50 over games. To complicate matters, a continuation of La Niña weather patterns caused severe weather conditions and resulted in too much rain. This inclement weather forced four matches to be washed out and several overs to be rain affected. Of the remaining rounds, there were 9 losses and 4 wins. This is a disappointing result for the Second Grade team that showed a lot of promise throughout. But, despite finishing 17<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, the season was filled with a number of highlights and positives.



Notwithstanding the overall results of the season, it was largely extremely enjoyable. It is great fun to play with a group of quality men and talented cricketers. Whenever you take the field with Sam Alexander it's always a lot of fun. He can make a hard day in the dirt enjoyable. The group showed spirit, integrity, determination, brotherhood and commitment to improve and fight throughout the circumstances and challenges.

Unfortunately, this season with all the one day cricket, there were lots of very close tough games that were lost. We did not show enough consistency with bat, ball and in the field through the contests. To be a strong and imposing team, it is important to be consistent in all aspects of the game. The boys were

always in the contest, often with superior skill and flair. However, consistency is an area the team needs to improve on next season. Most importantly with regards to the construction and development of innings when batting. Too often when chasing totals, Second Grade was unable to form the important partnerships to finish off the games. Sadly, this led to situations where we lost too many of the 'close ones'.



There were some very important highlights for the season, most notably there were debuts and strong performances from emerging talented cricketers of the club. Players such as Harri Lee Young, Everett Oxenham, Finn Tomko-Nixon, Baran Kumar and Jamieson Hedges showed an enormous amount of maturity and talent. All of these fine young players produced excellent performances throughout the season at important times. With so many fantastic talented cricketers coming through to Second Grade, it is a great sign that the club is in an excellent position as these young cricketers mature and gain more and more experience. Many of them took their opportunities and I look forward to watching them improve and go on to higher honours.



This season saw a number of Second Grade players push through and make their First Grade debuts for the Bears. Congratulations to Lachlan Stewart, Jimmy Greenslade, Adam Cavenor and Kobe Alison who all played First Grade this season. All of them took their opportunities and are better cricketers for the experience.



The team also benefited from the experience, wisdom and good looks of some of the great club men of North Sydney. The likes of Sam Alexander, Ray Alexander, Brad Wilson and Jordan Vilensky (who came back from injury) really created a positive, exciting and professional atmosphere for all to enjoy their cricket.



Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved with Second Grade this season. Firstly, to the management committee and selectors for giving me the opportunity to lead this Second Grade side, it is such an honour. I must also thank the Second Grade leadership group, Sam and Ray Alexander. The brains

trust always brings great insight and attacking cricketing strategy.



The most important thanks go to the off-field contributions of so many people that help ensure that everyone gets on the park every week. I particularly note the efforts of Ash Perrot for his weekly support, including statistical analysis and assistance with the warm ups. Thanks also must be extended to our 12<sup>th</sup> woman and beloved scorer Gemma Ashdown for her tireless work on the book. Jeff Vilensky is to be thanked also for his assistance at the end of the year and his fine work with the post game celebrations. Finally, thanks to all the supporters, family and friends who came to the games and supported us throughout the season.

Additional season highlights/ notables:

- Fletcher May 23 wickets at 19.43
- Jamison Hedges 17 wickets at 22.47
- Sam Alexander 14 wickets at 21.50
- Fletcher May 5/36 off 10 overs against Mosman
- Baran Kumar debuting in second grade and scoring 201 at an average of 40.20
- Finn Nixon-Tomko 86\* against Sydney University (carried his bat)
- Jimmy Greenslade scoring 228 runs from 5 innings, averaging 45.60
- Christopher Savage scoring the winning runs at Penrith with a confident drive through point
- Ray and Sam Alexander combining to take the final wicket to win a close game against Randwick Petersham to finish the season on a high!

## Second Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Finn Nixon-Tomko	12	12	294	1	1	-	86*	26.73	3
Glenn Aitken	14	14	242	1	1	-	51	18.62	6
Raymond Alexander	12	12	239	-	1	-	64	19.92	3
Jimmy Greenslade	5	5	228	-	2	-	94	45.60	2
Baran Kumar	7	7	201	2	1	-	50*	40.20	3
Lachlan Stewart	12	12	190	-	-	-	44	15.83	25/1
Adam Cavenor	6	6	152	-	1	-	59	25.33	4
Jordan Vilensky	4	4	135	-	1	-	76	33.75	2
Fletcher May	12	12	133	2	-	-	33	13.30	1
Cameron New	5	5	110	-	1	-	50	22.00	2
James Aitken	3	3	107	1	1	-	68*	53.50	-
Jamieson Hedges	11	11	106	1	-	-	35	10.60	4
Kobe Allison	7	7	89	-	1	-	53	12.71	1
Harrison Lee-Young	7	7	82	1	-	-	38	13.67	1
Jacob Graham	7	7	55	-	-	-	28	7.86	3

Also batted – H May (32 runs @ 10.67), J Nevell (32 runs @ 6.40), S Alexander (17 runs @ 5.67), M Jenkins (13 runs @ 13.00), N Hay (12 runs @ 6.00), B Wilson (7 runs @ 2.33), C Savage (4 runs, undismitted), E Oxenham (0 runs, undismitted)

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Fletcher May	103.0	11	447	23	1	19.43	4.34	5/36
Jamieson Hedges	76.4	6	382	17	-	22.47	4.98	4/39
Sam Alexander	72.0	10	301	14	-	21.50	4.18	3/34
Kobe Allison	65.0	3	318	13	-	24.46	4.89	4/34
Raymond Alexander	41.1	2	171	8	-	21.38	4.15	2/11
Jacob Graham	36.3	3	158	6	-	26.33	4.33	4/35
Baran Kumar	18.0	-	112	5	-	22.40	6.22	2/28
James Aitken	30.0	6	67	4	-	16.75	2.23	2/28
Adam Cavenor	34.0	1	180	4	-	45.00	5.29	3/35
Harrison Lee-Young	38.1	1	207	4	-	51.75	5.42	2/27

Also bowled – F Nixon-Tomko (3 wickets @ 28.00), E Oxenham (3 wickets @ 30.00), B Wilson (3 wickets @ 58.67), C Savage (2 wickets @ 48.00), H May (1 wicket @ 78.00), C New (0 wickets for 14 runs)

# Third Grade Report

## Cameron New

Third Grade had a disappointing end to the season in terms of ladder position after being within the top six at the end of the first half of the season. The team came together around some core players who scored consistent runs before Christmas. However, as a result of these performances, Third Grade lost some of these players up the grades and the subsequent result was a lack of consistency and senior leadership among the batting.



The first part of the season saw the majority of matches include scores above or around 200 which, according to Ash Perrott's invaluable ground statistics, put the boys in position to win or challenge for most games.

John Nevell started the season brightly and was soon promoted to second grade. John is a positive batsman and the highlight of his season was his 93 vs Gordon in the first round of the year. John scored 221 runs at 27.63 and we look forward to him building on this season next year. Jimmy Greenslade joined us from

Mosman, and whilst he took some time to get going, he had a magnificent season culminating in his selection in first grade. It was third grade where he started though and after failing in the first three rounds an 80 vs St George got his career with the Bears underway. Jimmy scored 175 runs at 35 in third grade before his ascent up the grades. Cameron New was the other key batsman who moved up the grades following good early season form. Cam started his season with two forties in the first two rounds and eventually accumulated 162 runs at 27 at the top of the order in Third Grade. Jacob Graham (153 @ 25.50) and Harri Lee-Young (96 @ 96) also had moments with the bat during the season.



On the bowling side of the equation; the main 3 quick bowlers of May, Savage and Noack shared the majority of the wickets with a smattering of wickets shared among the remaining bowlers. I think that it is fair to say that all front-line bowlers demonstrated their skills at various part of the season, although there was again a lack of consistency in skill and execution - particularly in less favorable match conditions that sometimes allowed matches to get away from us. Brad Wilson was perhaps the most consistent bowler among the group and unlucky to not have more wickets to his name. He is an asset to any 3s bowling attack with his accuracy, effort and left-arm angle.



The third grade fielding skill level at its best was exceptional. There were run outs effected in multiple games during the season and catches taken at a good percentage. As with all comments regarding the season, my hope would be in using the preseason to nail down confidence in consistently executing skills under fatigue and pressure. It goes without saying that runs saved in the field are runs not chased in the batting innings.

Third Grade also saw a number of younger players get their chance to shine during the season. Green Shielder Everett Oxenham will have developed a lot by playing against better competition and along with developing his body will aide him in becoming a very successful spin option in the club. Jameson Hedges is a very handy young cricketer and again is another who we hope to see develop in his confidence to take on the game. Another Green Shielder Hamish Reynolds also saw plenty of game time in third grade this season and we look forward to him bring his Green Shield successes to third grade and beyond next season.



With the talent on display in this third grade side, a 10th placed finish is a little disappointing, however, there were plenty of highlights during the season and I look forward to a successful year next year.



## Third Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
John Nevell	8	8	221	-	2	-	93	27.63	8
Jimmy Greenslade	6	6	175	1	2	-	80	35.00	2
Cameron New	6	6	162	-	-	-	49	27.00	3
Jacob Graham	6	6	153	-	1	-	60	25.50	1
Harrison May	10	10	128	2	-	-	39*	16.00	1
Nicholas Hay	9	9	113	-	1	-	62	12.56	1
Baran Kumar	6	6	110	1	1	-	52*	22.00	2
Matthew Cole	8	8	100	-	-	-	44	12.50	3
Harrison Lee-Young	4	4	96	3	1	-	64*	96.00	1
Hamish Reynolds	9	9	85	3	-	-	25*	14.17	3
Ben Van Der Merwe	3	3	83	-	-	-	38	27.67	-
Adam Cavenor	1	1	59	-	1	-	59	59.00	-
Jamieson Hedges	2	2	46	-	-	-	34	23.00	1
Brad Wilson	6	5	45	2	-	-	17	15.00	-
Aidan Thomas	4	3	43	-	-	-	30	14.33	2
Fraser Noack	9	7	42	4	-	-	11*	14.00	-

Also batted – D Singh (29 runs @ 4.83), F Nixon-Tomko (28 runs @ 28.00), A Nigul (28 runs @ 14.00), R Burinaga (27 runs @ 6.75), E Oxenham (26 runs @ 4.33), I Merlehan (16 runs @ 8.00), C Savage (10 runs @ 3.33), J Saint (8 runs @ 8.00), J Leary (8 runs @ 4.00), T Reynolds (7 runs @ 7.00), P Heuzenroeder (7 runs @ 3.50), B Knox (6 runs @ 6.00), P Lindsay (3 runs @ 3.00), D Thorat (2 runs @ 2.00), K Allison (1 run @ 1.00), Nuwan Whyte (0 runs @ 0.00), J Vilensky (0 runs @ 0.00)

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Harrison May	90.0	7	379	16	-	23.69	4.21	4/32
Christopher Savage	57.1	10	228	11	-	20.73	3.99	4/53
Fraser Noack	45.0	5	207	10	-	20.70	4.60	2/12
Everett Oxenham	58.2	3	261	7	-	37.29	4.47	4/38
Aidan Thomas	15.0	-	62	5	-	12.40	4.13	4/37
Baran Kumar	18.0	-	74	5	-	14.80	4.11	3/41
Brad Wilson	53.0	6	224	5	-	44.80	4.23	2/15
Izaak Merlehan	10.0	-	54	3	-	18.00	5.40	3/54
Jacob Graham	35.0	5	133	3	-	44.33	3.80	2/36

Also bowled – J Hedges (2 wickets @ 27.00), N Whyte (2 wickets @ 29.00), H Reynolds (2 wickets @ 31.50), R Burinaga (2 wickets @ 55.00), H Lee-Young (2 wickets @ 62.00), M Cole (2 wickets @ 23.00), P Lindsay (1 wicket @ 25.00), B Knox (1 wicket @ 57.00), N Hay (1 wicket @ 100.00), A Cavenor (0 wickets for 23 runs), C New (0 wickets for 30 runs), J Thomas (0 wickets for 35 runs), K Allison (0 wickets for 40 runs)

# Fourth Grade Report

**Pat Lindsay**

Fourth Grade got off to a slow start, losing 3 of its first 4 games including a washout. We then roared back to life, winning our next 4 straight to be 4 and 3 with 2 washouts and a bye after Round 10.

When we won, we won big, crushing Mosman by 7 wickets, thumping Sydney Uni by 101 runs, flogging Penrith by 6 wickets and destroying Bankstown by 9 wickets. Highlights during this run of wins were Michael Lloyd's 74 and Dylan Johnson's 54 vs Sydney Uni, Dilraj Singh's 70 vs Penrith, and Rhys Burinaga's 4/16 vs Bankstown. Harry Davis took three of the better catches up to the stumps against Penrith, Mike Lloyd threw down the stumps with a frankly awesome direct hit vs Sydney Uni and Rhys Burinaga was a bundle of energy whenever he took the field for the team.



Round 11 was a crunch game vs Northern District with spots in the finals up for grabs and unfortunately we got taught a lesson by NDs down at Tunks. Izaak Merlehan was the standout with 41 as he kept us competitive with bat. NDs were calm and methodical during the chase and did it easy, 2 down.

We then capitulated with the bat vs UNSW after setting the game up with a disciplined performance in the field and with the ball led by Aidan Thomas with 4/30.

Unfortunately it was essentially season over from with point with the lads winning a rain effected match vs Sutherland and losing to Fairfield at Tunks in Round 14. The rest of the season was sadly washed out.

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

1. **Dilraj Singh.** Dilraj opened the batting in 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the majority of the season as a Green Shield player. His 206 runs at 34 was a sound performance and included 2 good 50s vs Gordon and Penrith. Dilraj will enjoy the return to longer form cricket next season as this matches well with his powers of concentration. Dilraj needs to continue to work on rotating the strike.
2. **Dylan Johnson.** Another Green Shielder, Dylan showed maturity beyond his years in compiling 136 runs at 27.20. His year with the bat in 4s was highlighted by his 54 vs Sydney Uni in Round Round 7. Ever a team man, Dylan took the gloves in Round 10 and also showed his worth with the ball taking 3/13 vs Penrith in Round 9. I expect continued development from Dylan next season.
3. **Nuwan Whyte.** Nuwan played 7 games in 4s this season and made an impact in most. None more so than vs St George in Round 5 where his 59\* hauled us from a disastrous 6/-73 to a competitive 8-172. Nuwan has promised with the bat for a few seasons and it was great to see him score his first Grade 50. Nuwan is better than his 7 wickets at 24.29 with the ball and on his day he can cause the best batsmen issues. We look forward to Nuwan dominating in higher grades next season.
4. **Pat Heuzenroeder.** Pat is another Green Shielder her performed admirably in his first season of

grade cricket. Pat is a wicketkeeper possessing beautiful soft hands and sharp reflexes. His work behind the stumps is exceptional and it was no surprise to see him play a few games of Third Grade this season – such were his performances with the gloves. We look forward to seeing Pat develop with the bat to complement his wonderful keeping skills.

5. **Aidan Thomas.** It was great to see Aidan play his first full(ish) season after completing school and HSC. Aidan played many seasons of Green Shield

for the club and is a talented young player. Aidan has a habit of taking wickets in the back overs of limited overs fixtures as highlighted by his 4/30 vs UNSW in Round 12. Aidan is a talented batsman, and with a big preseason we look forward to seeing him pile on the runs in season 2022/23.

I'd like to thank all players who played 4s this year! It was a successful season. I'm looking forward to doing it again next season!



## Fourth Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Dilraj Singh	7	7	206	1	2	-	70	34.33	1
Dylan Johnson	9	7	136	2	1	-	54	27.20	4
Dhruva Thorat	8	7	105	1	-	-	42	17.50	3
Matthew Cole	4	4	85	1	-	-	35	28.33	-
Oliver Jennings	4	4	85	-	-	-	39	21.25	-
Nuwan Whyte	7	5	84	1	1	-	59*	21.00	2
Michael Lloyd	3	3	81	-	1	-	74	27.00	-
Patrick Lindsay	9	7	71	2	-	-	24	14.20	2
Aditya Nigul	5	5	67	2	-	-	22*	22.33	-
Jack Thomas	7	3	61	2	-	-	35	61.00	8
Patrick Heuzenroeder	8	6	61	-	-	-	23	10.17	7/2
Benjamin Revai	8	6	51	2	-	-	28	12.75	2
Aidan Thomas	6	5	44	-	-	-	22	8.80	1
Izaak Merlehan	2	1	41	-	-	-	41	41.00	1
Rhys Burinaga	2	1	26	-	-	-	26	26.00	4

Also batted - F Noack (12 runs @ 12.00), J Edwards (6 runs, undischarged), A MacGill (8 runs @ 8.00), H Riseborough (8 runs @ 8.00), C Lloyd (6 runs @ 6.00), S Vohra (6 runs @ 2.00), H Reynolds (5 runs @ 2.50), L Smith (4 runs @ 4.00), C Savage (3 runs @ 3.00), H Davis (1 run @ 1.00), S Balbi (0 runs @ 0.00)

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ
Patrick Lindsay	66.0	5	186	20	-	9.30	2.82
Benjamin Revai	48.3	7	149	9	-	16.56	3.07
Jack Thomas	53.4	6	151	8	-	18.88	2.81
Nuwan Whyte	53.0	8	170	7	-	24.29	3.21
Rhys Burinaga	20.0	4	35	6	-	5.83	1.75
Aidan Thomas	32.0	2	102	6	-	17.00	3.19
Shivam Vohra	48.3	4	165	6	-	27.50	3.40
Alex Macgill	19.0	-	83	4	-	20.75	4.37
Dylan Johnson	15.0	2	50	3	-	16.67	3.33
Hamish Reynolds	25.0	6	64	3	-	21.33	2.56
James Edwards	29.0	6	86	3	-	28.67	2.97

Also bowled - I Merlehan (2 wickets @ 19.00), H Riseborough (2 wickets @ 24.00), F Noack (1 wicket @ 30.00), M Cole (1 wicket @ 30.00), S Balbi (1 wicket @ 34.00), N Hay (0 wickets for 8 runs), A Nigul (0 wickets for 8 runs), C Savage (0 wickets for 26 runs)

# Fifth Grade Report

**Alex Perry**

Season 2021/22, full of heart stopping wins, gut wrenching losses, thundering success, astronomical growth and ultimately, a side with feelings of what could have been.

The Fifth Grade Bears dominated the competition throughout the season, with their bowl first mentality in a season consisting solely of one day cricket. The season was riddled with weather challenges along with selection challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic playing havoc. This lead to numerous washed out fixtures and countless line-up changes from week to week.



The side only lost 3 games throughout the course of the regular season, two of those being lost by a combined 7 runs in chases and the other an unnecessary batting collapse whilst on track with the required run rate.

More importantly, there were numerous bonus point victories on their way to securing a 3rd place finish, and a critical home final. The performances in the qualifying final v Gordon and the semi final v Eastern Suburbs left a lot to be desired. The team knowing that they could have played better in these fixtures, and that if their best cricket was played, a championship was well within their grasp.

Despite this untimely end to what was a fantastic season, the team saw development and growth from their promising young talent: James Edwards, Jed Collins, Dylan Johnson, Henry Riseborough, Henry Charles, Jack Mannix, Pranav Sampath and Billy Rogers. All these players contributed to wins throughout the course of the season in their own way, whether it be taking crucial wickets and catches, or finishing off the innings with the bat, they all proved that they are more than capable of performing and rising through the Grade cricket ranks.



The 'post HSC crew' put in a solid stint as well, as they began to find their feet in the beast that is grade cricket. Harry Davis was electrifying with the gloves and bat with some outstanding performances, Olly Jennings was ever solid at the top of the order and handy with his leg break bowling, while Sol Balbi and Alex MacGill battled through injury to provide significant contributions to the team down the back straight of the season.

The veterans of the team were rotating throughout the season due to the climate, but they were nonetheless the core of the team. Ever consistent, Jack Thomas took crucial wickets throughout the course of the campaign, whilst never dropping a catch. Charlie Rose dug in with bat in tough situations, often counter-attacking in the middle order, while Luke Smith and Michael Lloyd dominated at the top of the order with match-winning innings and putting opposing attacks on the back foot. Rob Lavery reinvigorated his Grade career with his new found love for off spin bowling, tying down opposition

sides and also slapping a few boundaries in the middle/lower order.



The stand out for the season was the return to grade cricket for Callum Fursman, who led the team in wickets with 18 in only 8 games, dismantling batting orders across the competition with his ferocious pace and aggression.

Overall the season was a great success, for some who have played many a season this was their first shot at grade cricket glory in a finals run, for others, it was their first taste of what is hopefully many in a long career with the bears. The group will come back stronger and hungrier for the experience this year, so keep an eye on all those listed above to see what they can produce in season 2022/23.

**\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE\*\*\*** Skipper Alex Perry has been exceptionally modest in not highlighting his own performances in season 2020/21. Alex was the dominant performer for his side, leading the runs with 273 runs at 30.33 and placing second in the wickets with 17 wickets at 21.00.

Alex's enthusiasm for his role as Fifth Grade captain as well as his maturity and leadership resulted in continued growth for this side, the young players in it, but also Alex's own cricket.

We look forward to seeing Alex take his talents to a higher grade next season.

Pat Lindsay



# Fifth Grade Statistics

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Alexander Perry	14	11	273	2	1	-	67*	30.33	9
Luke Smith	10	10	192	2	-	-	44*	24.00	3
Charlie Rose	12	10	132	2	-	-	40	16.50	5
Michael Lloyd	6	5	123	-	1	-	50	24.60	-
Oliver Jennings	7	6	99	-	-	-	28	16.50	2
Pranav Sampath	2	2	98	-	1	-	51	49.00	-
Billy Rogers	3	3	94	1	1	-	54	47.00	-
Robert Lavery	8	5	68	1	-	-	31	17.00	2
Dylan Johnson	2	2	66	2	-	-	40*	-	2
Aidan Thomas	1	1	60	-	1	-	60	60.00	-
Harrison Davis	7	5	51	-	-	-	36	10.20	6/1
Henry Riseborough	8	7	51	1	-	-	26	8.50	1
Jed Collins	5	3	45	-	-	-	17	15.00	3
Aditya Nigul	1	1	44	1	-	-	44*	-	-
Jack Thomas	6	6	37	2	-	-	23*	9.25	4

Also batted – K Dhawan (33 runs @ 33), A MacGill (31 runs @ 7.75), W Graham (29 runs, undismised), C Fursman (26 runs @ 6.50), H Charles (23 runs @ 11.50), C Lloyd (18 runs @ 4.50), J Edwards (17 runs @ 8.50), O Millar (17 runs, undismised), H Gianoutsos (16 runs @ 16.00), B Champion (13 runs @ 13.00), J Mannix (10 runs @ 10.00), Z Kalogerou (7 runs @ 7.00), T McKenna (5 runs @ 5.00), A Joseph (3 runs @ 3.00), S Vohra (0 runs, undismised)

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Callum Fursman	51.3	1	215	18	-	11.94	4.17	4/30
Alexander Perry	111.0	16	357	17	-	21.00	3.22	3/13
Jack Thomas	53.5	4	155	11	-	14.09	2.88	4/17
James Edwards	49.0	5	146	9	-	16.22	2.98	2/10
Alex Macgill	46.0	8	131	8	-	16.38	2.85	3/39
Jed Collins	38.0	2	117	5	-	23.40	3.08	3/29
Robert Lavery	48.0	1	190	5	-	38.00	3.96	2/24
Aidan Thomas	8.0	-	32	4	-	8.00	4.00	4/32
Travis Mckenna	20.0	3	50	4	-	12.50	2.50	2/22
Oliver Jennings	22.0	3	67	4	-	16.75	3.05	4/3
Henry Riseborough	24.0	-	96	4	-	24.00	4.00	3/39
Clem Bromwich	8.0	1	18	2	-	9.00	2.25	2/18
William Graham	9.5	1	20	2	-	10.00	2.03	2/20

Also bowled – V Kumar (2 wickets @ 16), I Westbrook (2 wickets @ 22), S Vohra (2 wickets @ 38.50) S Balbi (1 wicket @ 17.00), P Sampath (1 wicket @ 44.00), O Millar (1 wicket @ 65.00), H Charles (1 wicket @ 151.00)

# Women's Second Grade Report

**Jessie Maclaine**

For the first time ever, UTS North Sydney fielded a Second Grade combined with Gordon to create a team of various skills and experience. The team was dubbed "GNS" for the season and we had an absolute blast getting to know one another playing some very competitive cricket.

Lucky for us, we scored the legendary Michelle "Gozy" Goszko as our head coach who brought great energy, enthusiasm and guidance to such a mixed team. Even though she couldn't be around in person for an extended period of time due to some health complications, she made such a significant impact to all players, supporters and even the opposition.



There were several ups and downs during the season against some extremely tough opposition. Despite how few games we ended up playing with all the wet weather, we had some fabulous individual performances:

- Grace Keating bringing up her maiden ton with a 6 against Northern District at Bon Andrews, the first ever female centurion in Bears colours.
- Samira Mitchell scoring her maiden ton for the Reds against Sydney at Chatswood Oval in our second 50 over match of the season which included a rare 100-run opening partnership.

- Liv Callaghan scoring 2 half centuries and taking 7 wickets throughout the season.



In addition to the above, I would have to say my favourite moment of the season would have to be when the team bowled Manly out for 69 giving us our first win. It was such a highlight for me as everyone contributed regardless of their role and we really came together as a team. For the record, 5 bowlers got wickets, 3 got catches and 4 players assisted in crucial run outs.



Even though we didn't quite achieve fantastic results week in week out there was a tremendous network of people behind the scenes that made GNS such a fabulous experience for all.

Rob Lavery and Gozy were fundamental to making GNS happen. Thank you for all your hard work in the background in getting the team off the ground and making it such a memorable season for us all.

Michelle Goszko you are an absolute legend and inspiration to us all. Your dedication to the

team was phenomenal and we are so lucky to have you around the game.

Beny Chun, the fearless new President of the Gordon Reds, thank you for all your support throughout the season and for bringing us all together to form GNS.

Jess Henry, you have always been a role model to those around you. You are outstanding at getting the best out of players, volunteers and sponsors during a cricket season so thank you for all your support.

Michael Keating, Stephen Callaghan and Leonie Ridley thank you for helping each week with scoring, kit management and general support to the team and myself.

Char Anneveld, thank you for helping out at short notice in Gozzy's absence at training.

Lucy Warren and Grace Keating stood up to the plate when asked to help captain the side without hesitation. You are both wise beyond your years and great teammates to have around. It was awesome also to see Lucy make her First Grade debut, playing three matches for Gordon (despite being a Bear!).

And finally thank you to every single player (26 all up across both clubs) who took the field for GNS. I hope that it is something you look back on down the track and say you are proud to be a part of.



## Women's Second Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Olivia Callaghan	7	7	244	1	2	-	61	40.67	2
Grace Keating*	8	8	233	2	-	1	105*	38.83	3
Samira Mitchell	2	2	144	-	-	1	122	72.00	-
Jessie Maclaine	6	5	77	1	-	-	37	19.25	5
Sara Chun	2	2	65	-	-	-	49	32.50	1
Anushka Dongre*	4	4	44	-	-	-	26	11.00	-
Adelaide Hicks*	8	5	34	2	-	-	19*	11.33	-
Tuvini Jayakody*	5	4	25	2	-	-	9*	12.50	1
Lucy Warren*	3	2	21	1	-	-	16*	21.00	-
Kinjal Kumari	2	2	20	-	-	-	14	10.00	-
India Keating*	6	4	16	2	-	-	15	8.00	-
Julia Moriarty	3	2	14	1	-	-	12	14.00	-
Taara Kotibhaskar	2	1	12	1	-	-	12*	-	-
Bianca Lozell*	6	3	9	1	-	-	5	4.50	3/1

Also batted - E Ridley(4 runs @ 4.00), A Gibbons\* (3 runs @ 3.00), A Wilson-Brown (0 runs @ 0.00), O Cook (0 runs @ 0.00)

UTS North Sydney players denoted with \*

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Emma Ridley	43.5	5	231	8	-	28.88	5.27	3/14
Olivia Callaghan	34.1	1	152	7	-	21.71	4.45	2/12
Anushka Dongre*	22.0	2	109	6	-	18.17	4.95	2/5
Grace Keating*	31.5	-	172	5	-	34.40	5.40	2/7
Adelaide Hicks*	20.0	-	118	4	-	29.50	5.90	1/3
Sara Chun	8.0	-	44	3	-	14.67	5.50	2/9
Olivia Cook	6.0	-	39	2	-	19.50	6.50	2/11
Anna Wilson-Brown	16.0	1	64	2	-	32.00	4.00	1/17
Tuvini Jayakody*	16.0	1	82	2	-	41.00	5.13	1/8
India Keating*	16.0	-	105	2	-	52.50	6.56	1/10

Also bowled - J Flanagan (1 wicket @ 11.00), C Moss\* (1 wicket @ 19.00), S Mitchell (1 wicket @ 40.00), L Warren\* (1 wicket @ 53.00), C Day\* (1 wicket @ 99.00), L Yates (0 wickets for 13 runs), A Hale (0 wickets for 20 runs)

UTS North Sydney players denoted with \*

# Women's Third Grade Report

**Alan Gibbons**

Our Third Grade team had another excellent season! We welcomed seven new players to our family: Emily Aitken, Chloe Blackwell, Chloe-Amanda Bailey, Anna Peterson, Anna Lucas, Mayher Singh and Manvek Jawanda, swelling our squad to a total of 22 players this season!

Our team constantly improved throughout the season, setting records and providing plenty of surprises to our opposing teams. In our very first match we held last season's finalists Manly to their lowest ever score against us, and pushed to within 17 runs of a win! Grace Keating top scored with 31 and picked up 2 wickets, and our fielding showed a massive improvement over last season, with a brilliant running catch on debut by Chloe-Amanda Bailey, an awesome direct-hit run out on debut by Anna Lucas and a great stumping from Evy McKay. What a start to the season!



Match 2 was a bit ordinary all round, although India Keating's batting and bowling were fantastic on the day. Match 3 was washed out, but match 4 saw us in fine form against last season's champions, Gordon. Two wickets each from Anushka Dongre and Urzana Ghadially weren't enough to hold Gordon back from a great score of 237, but again we showed that teams who under-estimate us are taking big risks as we piled on the runs in return. We put on a 94-run opening partnership and a new record team total, just 4 runs short of 200. Anushka starred with the bat,

making a superb 53\*, with fantastic contributions of 31, 23 and 22 from Evy McKay, Amy Gibbons and Hetti Blackburn respectively. There was a point in the match, at 2/150, when we believed just for a moment that we could pull this off ... if Amy wasn't caught by a very surprised fielder with her eyes closed and hands above her head right on the boundary, we would have come very close!



We therefore arrived at our next match full of confidence. Parramatta must have heard not to under-estimate us and added a First Grade player and a state player to their team. Anushka Dongre promptly removed the first-grader with her first ball, and Anjali d'Cunha held Parramatta's openers to only 12 runs from 4 overs to create real pressure up front. Parramatta's Lucy Wilson, fresh from a score of 206 the week before, was also sent back to the benches by a good ball from Tilly Kingsmill and the catch of the season from Chloe-Amanda Bailey – a diving catch at short leg which produced cheers from every player and spectator at the ground, including the opposition! With really tight bowling and fielding, including just 1 run from Amy Hessel's first over ever, we held Parramatta to 9/68 off 20 overs – what a performance! Nobody wanted to open the batting against their attack, but Sarah Gibbons bravely volunteered and kept Lucy Wilson out for an important 7 balls – 7 fewer than everyone else had to face. Amy Gibbons (30\*) and Anushka Dongre (20\*) batted beautifully (noting that no Parramatta player had made more than 12), but the heat and humidity took its toll, with Anushka stumbling groggily from the field with heat exhaustion and unable to return.

With pressure eventually mounting and the first-grade bowlers back, Anna Lucas smartly changed tack, bringing in a very effective drop-and-run strategy and getting us very close ... just 6 runs short in the end! What an awesome game, hard-fought down to the wire!

Our next match was disappointing against Gordon, we just couldn't find our rhythm, but Round 9 saw us back in fine form against Manly. Anna Peterson stabilized our innings for us on top after 2 quick wickets, setting up Amy Gibbons (53\*) and Hetti Blackburn (52\*) for their first-ever half-centuries! Solid contributions from Liz Buckley (23) and Chloe-Amanda Bailey (10) helped us to 7/177. Manly opened strongly, but a mid-order collapse helped by wickets from Evy McKay, Liz Buckley, Jillian Edwards and Manvek Jawanda (in her first over ever) saw Manly nervously reach the winning total. Another really close one!



Bankstown were next; Sarah Gibbons and Evy McKay put on an excellent partnership of 21 runs in difficult conditions (for perspective, only 1 four was scored in our entire innings; even lightning-paced Amy Gibbons and Liz Buckley could only manage 8 off 35 balls between them!). Hetti Blackburn top scored with 18, with Tilly Kingsmill, Anjali d'Cunha and Manvek Jawanda digging deep and staying at the crease for a long time as we struggled along to 76 off 39 overs. Bankstown struggled too, thanks to crafty spin bowling with the new ball from Evy McKay, and at 4/29 off 12.2 overs, we were in with a chance. But superb batting from ex-Bears player Mridula saw

Bankstown to victory, yet our team won the celebration-of-the-day award when Chloe Blackwell picked up her first wicket!

Our match against St George-Sutherland had two main highlights: Evy McKay top scored with 31 runs, and when the centre wicket turned into a swimming pool, Bella, Abby Anjali and Amy celebrated all things good in cricket with a dance in the rain.



With Sydney setting records for rainfall over the next few months, rounds 13 to 15 were cancelled, which meant that our match against Universities would be our last of the season. And what a good one it would be! We started with classical Bears friendliness and a great spirit of cricket, lending Universities two players in the field because they were short. Evy McKay, Emily Aitken and Sarah Gibbons were our top 3, absorbing the opening bowlers attack and setting up a foundation for the middle order. Amy Gibbons was in full power mode, smashing 8 fours and a six on her way to 48 from just 38 balls, and captain Hetti Blackburn joined in with a solid 38 and 7 fours of her own. We climbed to 6/159 after 40 overs and then reduced Universities to all out for just 84 runs, with beautiful bowling from Anjali d'Cunha, picking up 3 wickets, Abby Williams with 2, Mayher Singh with 2 on debut and exceptionally tight bowling from Emily Aitken, Urzana Ghadially and Tilly Kingsmill rounding up a great victory and an awesome season for our Third Grade team.

At our awards evening in April, we were also honoured to have Amy Gibbons awarded player of the season for

third grade and recognized with an “Outstanding Contribution” award for her off-field support of the club and team. Congratulations Amy, your team is very proud of you!

Lastly, a big thank you to all our parents, volunteers and supporters for all the encouragement every week and helping out with scoring (thanks especially to Guy Kingsmill and James Lucas), stand-in coaching

(thanks Matt McKay), Frogboxing (thanks Greg Buckley and Sarah Berman), amazing support (thanks Michelle Goszko, Rob Lavery, Urzana Ghadially, Robbie Aitken, Michael Keating and Chris Savage) and help with all the other little duties that go on every week (thanks to so many more) that enable our players to get out there and do their thing.

Bring on season 2022/23!

## Women's Third Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Amy Gibbons	7	7	173	3	1	-	53*	43.25	1
Hetti Blackburn	9	9	161	2	1	-	52*	23.00	4
Anushka Dongre	3	3	101	2	1	-	53*	101.00	1
Evelyn McKay	9	9	98	1	-	-	31	12.25	2/2
Grace Keating	3	3	40	1	-	-	31*	20.00	-
Elizabeth Buckley	4	3	32	-	-	-	23	10.67	1
Chloe-Amanda Bailey	6	5	23	-	-	-	10	4.60	1
Sarah Gibbons	8	7	21	-	-	-	9	3.00	2
Emily Aitken	3	2	20	2	-	-	12*	-	-
Anna Peterson	5	5	16	3	-	-	7*	8.00	-
Anjali D'Cunha	8	6	16	2	-	-	5*	4.00	1
India Keating	1	1	13	-	-	-	13	13.00	-
Elina McKay	2	2	12	-	-	-	7	6.00	-
Anna Lucas	6	6	12	2	-	-	8*	3.00	-

Also batted - M Singh (8 runs @ 8.00), M Jawanda (5 runs @ 1.67), T Kingsmill (3 runs @ 1.33), C Blackwell (3 runs @ 3.00), U Ghadially (2 runs @ 2.00), A Williams (0 runs @ 0.00), J Edwards (0 runs @ 0.00)

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Anjali D'Cunha	40.0	3	135	6	-	22.50	3.38	3/13
Abigail Williams	29.0	-	151	6	-	25.17	5.21	2/21
Grace Keating	11.0	1	39	5	-	7.80	3.55	3/9
Evelyn McKay	24.2	-	121	5	-	24.20	4.97	3/35
Anushka Dongre	16.0	4	50	4	-	12.50	3.13	2/10
Elizabeth Buckley	16.3	1	58	4	-	14.50	3.52	2/26
Urzana Ghadially	16.0	-	90	3	-	30.00	5.63	2/53
Mayher Singh	4.0	1	12	2	-	6.00	3.00	2/12
Emily Aitken	13.0	1	47	2	-	23.50	3.62	1/11
Manvek Jawanda	2.0	-	6	1	-	6.00	3.00	1/4
India Keating	4.0	-	13	1	-	13.00	3.25	1/13
Chloe Blackwell	2.0	-	16	1	-	16.00	8.00	1/16
Bella Bursill	3.1	-	28	1	-	28.00	8.84	1/18
Jillian Edwards	5.0	-	62	1	-	62.00	12.40	1/12
Chloe-Amanda Bailey	14.0	-	103	1	-	103.00	7.36	1/17
Tilly Kingsmill	18.0	-	110	1	-	110.00	6.11	1/8

Also bowled - A Hessel (0 wickets for 1 run), A Peterson (0 wickets for 8 runs), A Gibbons (0 wickets for 17 runs), H Blackburn (0 wickets for 26 runs), A Lucas (0 wickets for 31 runs), Elina McKay (0 wickets for 16 runs)

# Poidevin-Gray Shield Report

The 2021/22 Poidevin-Gray Shield season was like no other, consisting of five T20 fixtures as opposed to the traditional seven game season, consisting of a mixture of 50 over and T20 cricket. This of course was due to the pandemic which affected the entirety of the season greatly. The squad saw a number of players return from the prior season which played in finals cricket. Mac Jenkins returned as skipper with Tim Reynolds his deputy and the two First Graders were the backbone of the squad.



The season started shakily with a loss at home to UNSW. The Bears held Uni to 5/133 at Bon Andrews which was a strong effort with Harri Lee-Young the pick of the bowlers with 2/13 off his 4 overs. Unfortunately, Mac Jenkins broke his thumb fielding and this was a hammer blow for the squad's chances in the match and the season. The Bears got off to a strong start in the chase, however, the loss of Tim Reynolds (28 off 14) saw the wheels fall off and Bears slumped to 111 all out. Mac Jenkins was all courage with 12 off 8 including a 6 with his broken thumb.

Round 2 was washed out with Round 3 seeing the Bears travel to Glenn McGrath Oval to play Sutherland. Once again, the Bears would chase with Sutherland setting 3/141 off their 20 overs. The Bears' chase never really got going, however Nick Hay (31 off 29) and Harri Lee-Young (29 off 17) competed bravely. Harri hit 2 maximums in a defiant knock, but it was not enough as the Bears were dismissed for 117.

Next was a Blue Riband clash against Manly at North Sydney Oval. The boys did the setting justice, taking the points in a clinical display. The win was set up by a brilliant inning from Tim Reynolds (64 off 44) who hit 5 fours and 2 sixes. John Nevell (27 off 24), Harri Lee-Young (24 off 10) and Jimmy Greenslade 20\* off 10) chipped in to help the Bears post a competitive 5/160. Manly came hard early, however that man again Harri Lee-Young dismissed both openers and was the most effective bowler with 3/31 off his 4 overs. The spinners, led by Ben Knox (2/22 off 4 overs) tightened the screws on the middle order, and the Bears, prevailed restricting Manly to 8/145 off their 20 overs.



The final round of the season was at home to St George, again at North Sydney Oval. The Bears looked set to post a massive total with Tim Reynolds (31 off 32) in fine form, until he dislocated his kneecap and had to retire hurt. His brother Hamish, in his PGs debut, batted gamely with 25 off 15 as the Bears totalled 6/148 off 20 overs. We pushed the Saints all the way in the chase with St George passing our total on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last ball of the innings 3 down. Young Everett Oxenham was the pick of the bowlers conceding a miserly 19 off his 4 overs of off-spin.

Ultimately the season was a disappointing one, finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sixers pool with one win and three loses. However, the squad was a young one with plenty of players returning for future seasons. One such returning player is Harri Lee-Young who was awarded the players of the season award for his consistent

performances with both bat and ball throughout the campaign.

Thanks must be given to coach Aiden Bariol who had the team prepared thoroughly for all games. Thanks also to John Saint for his efforts in assisting with the coaching of the Team. Praise must also go to Mac

Jenkins who lead the team with aplomb. Mac's injury was a real downer for our season however, his leadership, even when he was unable to play was a real feature. Thanks also to Sarah Berman for scoring throughout the season.

As ever, there was great spirit within the squad and there is much to look forward to in 2022/23.



# Poidevin-Gray Statistics

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	Runs	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Tim Reynolds	4	4	127	1	1	-	64	42.33	2
Harrison Lee-Young	4	4	82	-	-	-	29	20.50	-
John Nevell	4	4	61	-	-	-	27	15.25	-/1
Jimmy Greenslade	3	3	51	1	-	-	23	25.50	1
Nicholas Hay	3	2	40	-	-	-	31	20.00	-
Mac Jenkins	3	3	30	-	-	-	12	10.00	-
Adam Cavenor	3	3	27	-	-	-	13	9.00	1
Hamish Reynolds	1	1	25	1	-	-	25*	-	1
Jake Hardy	1	1	16	-	-	-	16	16.00	2
Jamieson Hedges	1	1	16	-	-	-	16	16.00	1
Finn Nixon-Tomko	1	1	16	-	-	-	16	16.00	-

Also batted - E Oxenham (5 runs @ 2.50), C Savage (3 runs @ 3.00), T Laybutt (2 runs @ 2.00), B Knox (2 runs @ 1.00), J Leary (0 runs @ 0.00)

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Harrison Lee-Young	14.5	-	104	7	-	14.86	7.01	3/31
Benjamin Knox	11.0	-	63	4	-	15.75	5.73	2/22
Nicholas Hay	9.0	-	71	4	-	17.75	7.89	2/17
Christopher Savage	12.0	-	98	1	-	98.00	8.17	1/35
Toby Laybutt	11.0	-	107	1	-	107.00	9.73	1/36
Mac Jenkins	1.0	-	3	-	-	-	3.00	0/3
Adam Cavenor	4.0	-	25	-	-	-	6.25	0/25
Everett Oxenham	14.0	-	93	-	-	-	6.64	0/18

# Brewer Shield Report

**Robert Aiken**

What an absolute pleasure it is to coach the Brewer Shield team! The players train hard, work together to develop their game and give it their all out on the field. I couldn't be more proud of our girls and how far they have come as a team in such a short time during the Brewers season. There is definitely no better place to be on a Sunday.



The 2021/22 season represented a very exciting opportunity for the UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club female program. A timely expansion saw many of last year's experienced Brewer Shield players stepping up and thriving at Second Grade level, whilst opening the door for others to test their mettle at under-eighteen level. However, the season also provided a large helping of challenges to face with the global COVID-19 pandemic and the myriad of rules and restrictions that came with it. This was in conjunction with the serious health crisis faced by our head coach, Michelle Goszko. But never fear, the players, parents, coaching staff and club leadership group rose to the occasion in true North Sydney Bears fashion.

The COVID-19 interrupted pre-season, influx of new players, uncertainty about coaching staff, new captain and contention around player eligibility all contributed to a less than ideal preparation for the Brewer season. This resulted in a team with an unsettled line-up that was forced to find their feet on

the fly whilst playing against generally more established teams and often older, more experienced players. However, after several games of trying to find their feet in the midst of virus-related player unavailability and the hurly-burly of consecutive T20 matches, the girls began to hit their stride and eventually began to give the top of the table teams a run for their money. This growing momentum contributed to a thrilling finish to the penultimate match against the highly competitive Penrith side.



Much of the credit for this impressive progress must be given to the two captains of the team this season, Mabel Oxenham and Liz Buckley. Their leadership and rapport with players contributed greatly to the evolution of the team into a very competitive combination. Both showed willingness to adapt, back their players and give them opportunities to show what they can do. In fact, Mabel's ability to lead was evident in the distinct upward trajectory of the team and the fact that she was runner-up in the Brewer Shield captain of the year rankings. It was pleasing to watch the growing confidence of both leaders with field placements and the use of bowlers to suit the match situation and the batters at the crease. This assuredness will stand the team in excellent stead for seasons to come.

Unfortunately, this season was cut short just as the team was beginning to hit full stride. The 2022/23 season is looking very promising for this group of players, provided that they continue to build upon the gains made in several essential areas.



Throughout the season we saw the importance of consistently building and maintaining pressure in the field. Young batting orders will quickly crumble when the scoring is being choked by accurate bowling and energetic fielding. A steady stream of unforced misfields, extras and undisciplined bowling is a nightmare for captains, but discipline with the ball and in the field brings wickets, as we saw from opposition teams in the early matches and from our own bowlers and fielders as the series progressed.

Many of the same principles can be applied to batting. Effective batting requires discipline, calm thinking and a clear plan. All of which can be difficult to attain when scoreboard pressure mounts and the run rate builds. We saw glimpses of this out in the middle this season with some very handy partnerships, but I am certain that our top order batters will build upon the lessons from this year and consistently convert bright starts into match winning runs by working to a plan and adjusting to the conditions.

There were several positives with the batting this season, but it was particularly pleasing to see players grow in confidence during the series. Running between wickets saw a notable improvement, combined with a growing ability to put away the bad by piercing the field, particularly in the fifty over

matches. It must be said that our shot selection did let us down at times, with numerous catches chipped to waiting infielders. I believe that some of the lush, heavy fields that we were presented with contributed to several of these rash shots. Lofting the ball is an important part of limited overs batting when used strategically but sparingly to create gaps in the field in order to harvest singles. This simple formula will help us to consistently post winning totals. We celebrated batting for fifty overs at Campbelltown, but this must become an expectation rather than the exception.

However, my enduring memory from the season was the level of effort at training and in matches. Our team pulled together and displayed a never quit, never say die attitude. The ladies are building the foundation of a great team. They are encouraging, supportive, eager to learn and are building great friendships whilst playing cricket for the best club in Sydney. Keep working in the off season to come back and give the competition a red hot go next season.



Our girls are fortunate to have the backing of many outstanding people. I would like to thank the parents for choosing the Bears for their girls and supporting us every week, the scorers for doing mental gymnastics on a weekend and our amazing ground staff for getting us on the field under very challenging weather conditions every week.

Special thanks to Greg Buckley who was our stand-in coach, net manager, photographer, equipment manager, Frogbox expert and crafty net bowler. A

huge vote of thanks to Alan Gibbons, the most organised person I know and the glue that holds everything together. Thanks also to the numerous players from the male side of the club who came down to support the Brewers team on different occasions. High quality throw downs are always appreciated.

A special thank you to Rob Lavery. Your calm, patient leadership and tireless advocacy for the female part of the club is a big reason why we are making great strides forward.

It was an absolute privilege to work with such an outstanding group of young women. It was a pleasure to be involved with a group of cricketers who demonstrate such enthusiasm, interest and willingness to become the best players they can be. You are all credit to yourselves, your families and their club.

So now for a few words about each of our Brewers Bears:

### **Sam Kuncham**

This was Sam's first season with the Bears and her all-round ability was a great addition to the squad. She always looked solid with the bat and consistently made starts. She contributed to some handy opening partnerships and began to show her full range of shots as she grew in confidence. Sam was one of our most consistent bowlers who demonstrated good control of line and length, which in turn allowed her to build pressure on the batters and take several handy wickets. A great start, Sam. I am looking forward to some of those handy starts being converted into big scores next season.

### **Shiloh Julien**

Shiloh was another new addition to the club, but we had to wait quite a while for this handy young player to be allowed onto the field. However, she didn't waste any time making her presence felt with both bat and ball. Shiloh looked comfortable at the crease, demonstrating an array of shots and giving

us all a taste of things to come. Her off spin bowling was an effective mixture of accuracy, flight and subtle changes of pace. Shiloh was always able to tie the batters down and take crucial wickets whenever she was tossed the ball. Her all-round contributions to the team saw her named Brewer Shield player of the year.

### **Mayher Singh**

Mayher grew in confidence with every game she played for the Bears this season. She had good success with the ball, using both spin and flight to great effect. Mayher's bowling proved to be both threatening and economical when she found the right balance of catchers, ring fielders and outfielders. In fact, Mayher was probably deserving of a lot more wickets as many batters were not even able to edge the sharply spinning leg breaks that passed by their outside edge. I believe that adding a top spinner to her repertoire would make her nearly unplayable. Mayher took a couple of matches to find her feet with the bat, but it didn't take long for her to seem comfortable at the Brewer Shield level and begin to make good contributions with the willow. I look forward to Mayher converting some of her bright cameos into match-winning innings next season.

### **Liz Buckley**

Liz has the potential to be a match-winner with both bat and ball, making her an obvious higher grades prospect in years to come. We saw glimpses of this on several occasions, but unfortunately she was hampered by several niggling injuries throughout the season. She strikes the ball powerfully and will score even more heavily when her power, placement and strategy come together at the crease. I am looking forward to seeing her build many big innings that I know she is capable of. As usual, Liz bowled with good pace and energy this season, taking several key wickets. She worked very hard on her action during the season to enhance her consistency, which is never an easy task between matches, and she made some excellent progress that will stand her in good stead for the seasons to come. I am grateful to Liz

for using her experience and taking on the captaincy role in Mabel's absence. Great job, Liz!

### **Emily Aitken**

This was Emily's first full season of Brewer Shield and she has established herself as an integral part of the team. She approaches fielding with a smile on her face and an eager set of hands. Her control of line and length and ability to consistently hit the seam saw her completely shut down some of the top scoring batters in the competition, building pressure and suppressing the run rate. Her pace continues to grow and hopefully some more of those edges will go to hand next season. Emily was asked to wear a number of different hats in the batting order this season, but she demonstrated a sound technique and strong determination wherever she was asked to bat, figuring in some notable partnerships. Congratulations on your progress this season, Emily.

### **Charlotte Moss**

Charlotte is a hard-working cricketer and an asset to any team. Her work ethic is tremendous and she was able to contribute to the team in all facets of the game. Whilst not taking the wickets she would have liked, Charlotte bowled many accurate spells that kept her end tight and the scoring under control. She bowled very few extras, which is crucial in Brewer Shield limited overs matches. Charlotte regularly found herself batting in difficult situations, either with pressure to maintain a run rate or with only a few balls left to go in the innings. She took this in her stride and batted according to what was required, often losing her wicket in an attempt to push the run rate along. She worked hard on her fielding, a fact illustrated by her incredible direct hit run out from the long on boundary against Penrith.

### **Amy Gibbons**

Amy is truly a captain's delight and it is easy to see why she was awarded an outstanding contribution to the club award. She played a number of matches throughout the season in Brewers when required and was often asked to bat in a non preferred position or take the gloves for a spell. Whenever she strode to

the crease, she approached her innings in a positive manner and was always looking to score. She dealt harshly with any loose balls and was able to keep out the good ones. She demonstrated the ability to power the ball through the infield and a willingness to chance her arm and loft the ball. This upped the run rate on numerous occasions, but also saw the premature end to several promising innings. I believe that Amy will score many runs in higher grades provided that she is able to adapt her game to the demands of each level. Well done on the outstanding season across all the grades you played this year and congratulations on your graduation from Brewer Shield and for winning the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Presentation Night!

### **Mabel Oxenham**

Mabel took on the captaincy this season and must be congratulated for the positivity that she brought to the group. Her words and actions set the tone for the season and made the job of coaching the team very easy. She worked hard on her own game this season and bowled some outstanding spells with her flighted leg spin, creating numerous chances as the ball dropped short of the drive. Mabel was always busy with the bat, contributing to some handy partnerships in pressure situations. It was pleasing to see Mabel grow into her captaincy role on the field as the series progressed, effectively utilising the bowling attack and field placements to maximum effect. Well done, Mabel!

### **Leyla Ozen**

Leyla made some excellent contributions with both bat and ball this season. She bowled some dangerous spells with her hooping in swing. She has a strong bowling action and makes life very difficult for batters when she repeatedly challenges the stumps and builds pressure. Leyla seemed to be at her best with the bat when things were most difficult. She was able to dig in at the fall of wickets and figured in some handy rear guard partnerships, which were crucial in giving the team a total to bowl at. One such innings was at Campbelltown, where her dig was instrumental in allowing us to bat for the whole

fifty overs. Thank you for your contribution to the Bears this season, Leyla.

### **Anjali Uthappa**

Ani once again proved to be a very handy player in the Brewer Shield team. She shared the overs with three other spinners in short form games, which meant that she did not really get the chance to bowl many extended spells. Nevertheless, she regularly made an immediate impact when she was tossed the ball, breaking partnerships and dismissing set batters. T20 cricket meant that Ani had very few opportunities to spend much time in the middle with the bat. However, she was able to demonstrate her determination and solid technique when trying to save the innings and post a respectable total in the limited overs matches.

### **Sophie Fischer**

Sophie demonstrates great potential with both bat and ball. She has a smooth bowling action that gives her the ability to swing the ball and challenge the edge. Sophie bowled a number of accurate spells that yielded both tidy figures and important wickets. Unfortunately, injury prevented her from bowling very much in the later part of the season. Cricket can be a tough game and sometimes conditions can conspire against a player. This was true for Sophie with the bat. I lost count of how many times I watched on with sympathy as she stepped to the crease with only a handful of balls left and with enormous pressure to score. Speaking from personal experience, it is not easy to bat in those situations, but she demonstrated great character and batted for the team each time. Statistics never tell the full story, but everyone at the ground recognises your contribution. Stay positive and trust your ability, Sophie. Fortune will turn around next season and you will be a better player for the experience.

### **Georgia MacDonald**

Georgia's approach to her cricket is simply outstanding. She gives one hundred percent with everything she does, both on the field and at training. She is always looking to develop her game

and her growth this season was clear for all to see. She has a strong bowling action and she bowled with increasing pace, accuracy and bounce as the series progressed. Her good hands and strong throws from the boundary kept many batters on their toes and saved many runs for the team. With the bat, she often found herself coming in with only a few balls to go or with a lot of work to do after a sudden fall of wickets. No matter the situation, she approached it with a calm determination that will be an asset for her in future seasons. Well done, Georgia.

### **Amy Day**

Amy played several matches towards the end of the Brewer Shield season and fitted back into the team beautifully. A serious foot injury prevented her from training prior to restarting cricket, but this did not dampen her enthusiasm. She did not have much opportunity to show what she could do with the bat or ball in the short format games that she played, but found ways to contribute to the team when on the field. This took the form of numerous committed fielding efforts and a positive approach to her cricket. Hopefully Amy is able to begin next season with a clean bill of health and a full preseason under her belt.

### **Karman Jawanda**

Karman took the gloves for the Bears for the first time this season after Bianca was promoted to seconds. Selected for her potential, she worked hard on her craft and was looking at home behind the stumps in no time at all. Karman seemed particularly happy to keep up to the stump for the spinners, making several impressive stumpings throughout the series. She has a good pair of hands, but will be an outstanding keeper as her footwork continues to progress and she is able to make more ground to the left and right against the seam bowlers next season. Karman had limited opportunities with the bat, but demonstrated a good eye, solid defence and a willingness to attack the bad ball. Congratulations on your progress and hard work this season, Karman.

# Brewer Shield Statistics

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	Runs	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Sameeksha Kuncham	7	7	117	1	-	-	34	19.50	-
Elizabeth Buckley	8	8	108	-	-	-	24	13.50	-
Mayher Singh	8	8	92	2	-	-	38	15.33	2
Amy Gibbons	4	4	66	-	-	-	38	16.50	1
Emily Aitken	8	7	65	1	-	-	27*	10.83	1
Shiloh Julien	4	4	60	-	-	-	25	15.00	-
Bianca Lozell	1	1	39	-	-	-	39	39.00	-/1
Leyla Ozen	6	6	35	1	-	-	22	7.00	-
Mabel Oxenham	7	6	30	-	-	-	10	5.00	4
Charlotte Moss	8	7	26	-	-	-	11	3.71	1
Georgia Macdonald	7	4	24	1	-	-	13*	8.00	-
Anjali Uthappa	6	4	8	2	-	-	5	4.00	1
India Keating	1	1	6	-	-	-	6	6.00	-
Chloe Day	2	2	3	-	-	-	3	1.50	1
Karman Jawanda	7	4	3	2	-	-	3	1.50	4/3
Sophia Fischer	5	5	1	-	-	-	1	0.20	1

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BB1
Mayher Singh	40.1	2	128	8	-	16.00	3.19	2/5
Mabel Oxenham	23.0	2	88	7	-	12.57	3.83	4/6
Shiloh Julien	25.0	5	66	6	-	11.00	2.64	4/8
Anjali Uthappa	13.0	2	62	4	-	15.50	4.77	2/32
Elizabeth Buckley	25.0	-	132	4	-	33.00	5.28	2/24
Emily Aitken	25.0	5	76	3	-	25.33	3.04	1/8
Sophia Fischer	7.0	-	24	2	-	12.00	3.43	2/11
Georgia Macdonald	15.4	1	63	2	-	31.50	4.02	1/10
Chloe Day	12.0	-	70	2	-	35.00	5.83	1/11
Sameeksha Kuncham	25.0	3	75	2	-	37.50	3.00	2/10
Madeleine Winslow	6.0	-	23	1	-	23.00	3.83	1/20
Leyla Ozen	6.5	-	33	1	-	33.00	4.83	1/10
Charlotte Moss	32.0	2	142	1	-	142.00	4.44	1/10
India Keating	1.0	-	7	-	-	-	7.00	0/7

# AW Green Shield Report

## Lachlan Reynolds

Our Green Shield campaign did not quite achieve the desired finals result we were aiming for but we did get very close. Ultimately, we finished 9<sup>th</sup>, just out of the finals with 3 wins (incl. 2 bonus points) and a tie.

We started with a disappointing loss to Sutherland despite Hamish Reynolds top-scoring with 43 and leading the bowling attack with 2 for 24 from 9.3 overs.



A resounding bonus point win against Hawkesbury at Tunks with Hamish Reynolds again top scoring with 66, aided by some rear-guard action from Henry Charles with 17\*. The spinners then did the job with Everett Oxenham opening the bowling with 10 straight overs taking 1/20 slowing the scoring to set up the collapse that saw country spinners Thor Harradine taking 4/29 and Kai Bruncker 3/11, the last 7 wickets falling for just 25 runs.



Unfortunately, Manly handed us a thumping loss bundling us out for 86 and chasing it easily 2 down.

A return to Tunks and another great bonus point win against Blacktown. Hamish Reynolds led the way with 47 on a slow outfield, still we were not sure 138 was enough, however the lads were superb in the field with all bowlers dialing up the pressure with James Edwards, Kai Bruncker and Everett Oxenham all picked up 2 wickets and we bowled the Warriors out for just 55.



A heart-breaking tie with Northern District, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, ultimately saw us miss the finals. A good effort in the field saw us restrict them to 163, with 3 run outs including both openers having a big impact, along with Hamish Reynolds and James Edwards leading the bowling figures with 2 wickets apiece. Thor Harradine led the way with the bat scoring 41 with Everett Oxenham nearly sneaking us over the line with 30\*.

We had a tough rain-affected loss to St. George who got to bat before the outfield was slowed by rain. Everett Oxenham bowled well to take 3/34 from his 10 overs. Unfortunately, rain during the lunch break shortened our innings to 15 overs and we needed 108 to win under DLS. It was always going to be tough against the team that ultimately won the competition with the outfield slowed by rain and our leading batter Hamish Reynolds having to bat with a runner before being run out for 21, Thor Harradine did his best with 27\*, but ultimately we fell 27 runs short of victory.



Lastly, back at Fortress Tunks, we had a fighting win against Eastern Suburbs. Everett Oxenham was the star in the field with 3/37 with the ball and 2 run outs. Set 166 to win, Hamish Reynolds held things together ultimately scoring 77\* from 88 balls, but there were some tense moments with the last wicket partnership of 44 between Hamish and Henry Riseborough ensuring we won by one wicket.

All our wins happened at Tunks Park (thanks Bernie!) and it was a shame we only had 3 home games. We did have some tough teams in our draw but you got to win against whoever you get - no good making excuses.

Skipper Hamish Reynolds finished with 283 runs at an average of 47.17 which was 4th in the batting for

the whole competition and saw him selected in the Green Shield Merit XI. Congratulations Hamish on a stellar season, which is his last in Green Shield after representing the club for 4 seasons in the competition! Thor Harradine finished with 141 runs at an average of 28.20. Thor also topped our wicket taking figures with 9 wickets along with Everett Oxenham who also took 9.

Everett also topped our run out figures with 2 unassisted run outs and 1 assisted and took 3 catches.



**\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE\*\*\*** I would like to thank Coach Jason Krejza for his efforts with the team this season. The players were well prepared and drilled and competed hard. I would also like to thank Clubperson of the Year Lachlan Reynolds for all his hard work throughout the entire season. Lachlan puts in a mountain of work to ensure the team (and parents) are well prepared and informed during the season. He was of paramount importance to the team, Jason and the Committee. Thanks, Lachy!

Pat Lindsay

## AW Green Shield Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Hamish Reynolds	7	7	283	1	2	-	77*	47.17	2
Thor Harradine	7	7	141	2	-	-	41	28.20	3
Benjamin Champion	6	6	74	-	-	-	19	12.33	8
Pranav Sampath	7	7	57	-	-	-	16	8.14	-
Kai Brunker	6	6	54	-	-	-	16	9.00	2
Everett Oxenham	7	7	49	2	-	-	30*	9.80	3
Dilraj Singh	5	5	46	-	-	-	22	9.20	1
Dylan Johnson	5	5	42	-	-	-	27	8.40	2
Henry Riseborough	7	6	39	2	-	-	13	9.75	1
Patrick Heuzenroeder	5	5	26	-	-	-	9	5.20	2
Henry Charles	7	6	24	2	-	-	17*	6.00	2
James Edwards	7	4	13	3	-	-	13	13.00	3
Harry Gianoutsos	7	7	10	-	-	-	8	1.43	-

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Thor Harradine	43.0	8	147	9	-	16.33	3.42	4/29
Everett Oxenham	50.5	7	157	9	-	17.44	3.09	3/34
James Edwards	46.0	4	140	8	-	17.50	3.04	2/6
Kai Brunker	39.5	3	126	7	-	18.00	3.16	3/11
Hamish Reynolds	39.1	7	94	6	-	15.67	2.40	2/20
Henry Riseborough	25.0	2	99	3	-	33.00	3.96	1/13
Henry Charles	41.2	5	162	2	-	81.00	3.92	1/29
Cooper Brown	3.0	-	6	-	-	-	2.00	0/6

# 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

### Women's Second Grade

Batting Aggregate: 233, G Keating, 2021/22  
Batting Average: 38.83, G Keating, 2021/22  
Highest Score: 105\*, G Keating 2021/22  
Bowling Aggregate: 6, A Dongre, 2021/22  
Bowling Average: 18.17, A Dongre, 2021/22

### 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

### 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: 137, H Blackburn, 2021/22  
Batting Average: 34.25, H Blackburn, 2021/22  
Highest Score: 53\*, A Gibbons & A Dongre, 2021/22  
Bowling Aggregate: 10, A D'Cunha, 2020/21  
Bowling Average: 6.30, A D'Cunha, 2020/21

### 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 Wayling, 2007/08  
Bowling Aggregate: 56, B Townsend, 1974/75  
Bowling Average: 7.40, B Townsend, 1974/75

### 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

399 – R Aitken\*

389 – R Shelton

384 – A Hopkins

340 – J Callaghan

303 – S Weisener

290 – M Burton

278 – S Hogue

275 – J Campbell\*

263 – G Aitken\*

261 – B White

260 – G Spring

258 – R Eaton

258 – S Taylor

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

8,186 – R Aitken\*

7,571 – J Brian

7,232 – N Taylor

6,562 – J Aitken\*

6,328 – R Donovan

6,093 – J King

6,059 – S Hookey

5,809 – G Spring

5,568 – J Avendano\*

5,515 – A Hopkins

5,355 – D Taylor

4,978 – J Lawes

4,877 – S Rodgie

4,735 – NY Deane

4,569 – P Marks

4,513 – K Gilkes

4,490 – T Jagot\*

4,356 – D Johnston

4,096 – A Jesson

4,073 – V Emery

## First Grade Partnership Records

<b>Wicket</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Season</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	259	A White (177) & R Duff (96)	Redfern	1906/07
2 <sup>nd</sup>	303	A Oberai (166*) & J Avendano (176)	Manly-Warringah	2016/17
3 <sup>rd</sup>	258	W Duff (120) & A Hopkins (137)	Central Cumberland	1898/99
4 <sup>th</sup>	261	T Jagot (125*) & A Crosthwaite (143*)	Sydney	2018/19
5 <sup>th</sup>	248	G Moore (139) & V Deane (122*)	Balmain	1909/10
6 <sup>th</sup>	205	R Minnett (181) & A Johnston (108)	Glebe	1910/11
7 <sup>th</sup>	183	F Iredale (150*) & S Redgrave (84)	Waverley	1904/05
8 <sup>th</sup>	181	A Punch (207) & C Armstrong (61*)	Petersham	1920/21
9 <sup>th</sup>	119	C Smith (157) & B Long (40)	Middle Harbour	1915/16
10 <sup>th</sup>	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'Keefe	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'Keefe	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	L Pope		

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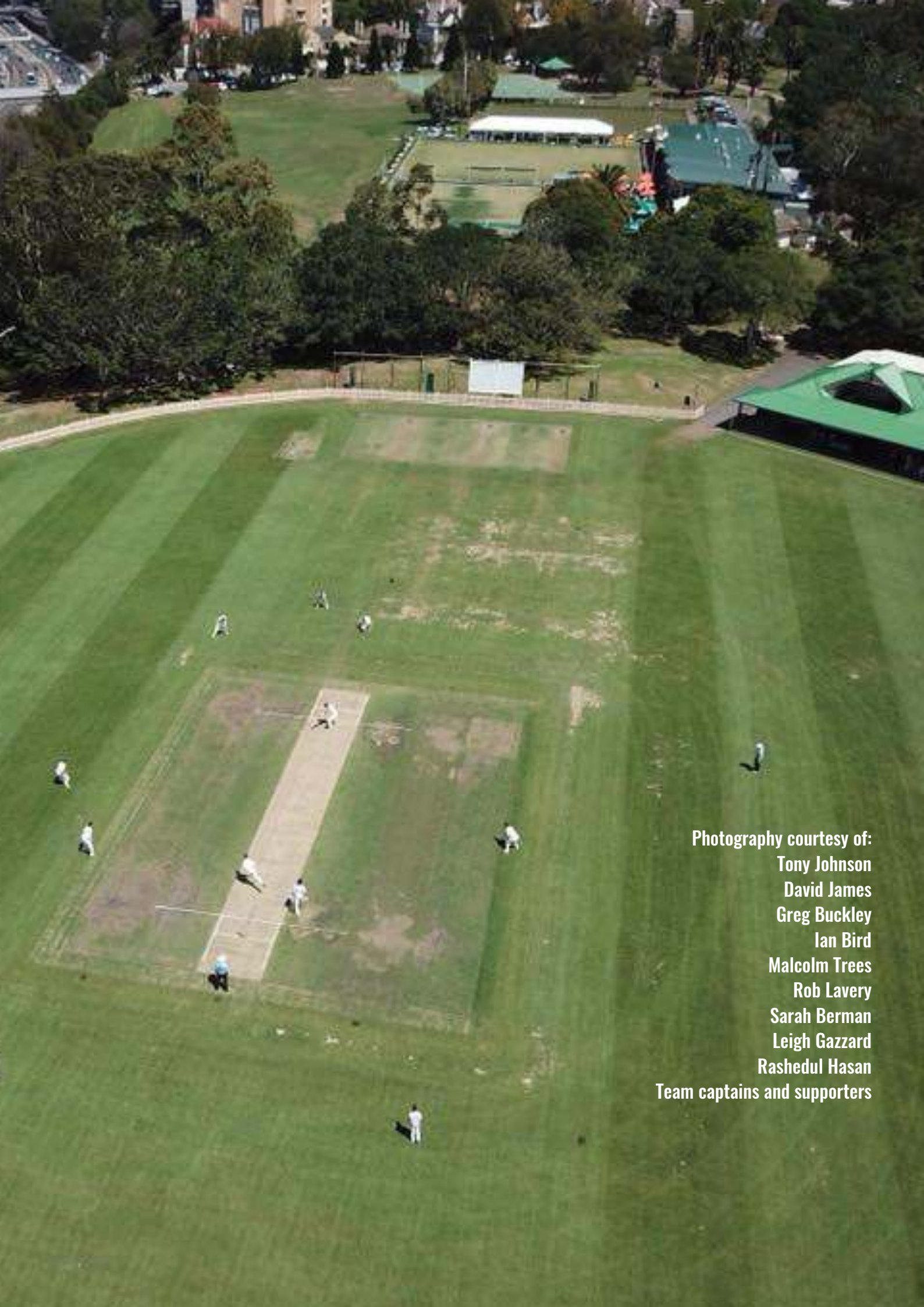
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