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Distinguished Members & Office Bearers

Executive Committee

P Lindsay (President), R Lavery (Senior VP), S Berman (Secretary), C Herbert (Assistant Secretary), A Wayling (Treasurer), M Lloyd (Assistant Treasurer), S Jagot, K Campbell, A Perrott, A Dongre, E McKay, K Karan, D Quartey

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P Lindsay

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Life Member of NSWCA

D Cole





Mission Statement

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

Our Mission is to:

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

Long Term Strategic Vision

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

Our long-term vision is to:

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

Constitution

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

At the last annual general meeting we saw the existing executive re-elected unopposed, with the exception of Cameron Herbert who replaced Simon Jagot as Assistant Secretary. We welcomed Evy McKay, Dale Quartey and Kaustav Karan to the committee and farewelled Fudge Atshan, Adam Cavenor, Alan Gibbons, Chris Savage and Urzana Ghadially. We thank Fudge, Adam, Alan, Chris and Urzana for their service.

At a Special General Meeting on 28 November 2023, the members also ratified changes to the club constitution. The changes were recommended by the management committee and sought to update the Constitution to reflect the club's women's section, which was not envisaged when the Constitution was drafted and most recently updated. The Management Committee also identified a number of other areas where updates would be beneficial to reflect modern administration (such as the presence of online banking, online meetings and minutes and accounts being kept electronically rather than in hard copy).

The club was delighted to grant Life Membership to Rob Lavery. Rob has served the club with great distinction as a player and in a number of administrative roles including President. Rob's recent contributions to the women's program have been immense and he is a truly outstanding recipient of this honour.

The club continues to be committed 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 – 56%

Sarah Berman – 100%

Adam Wayling – 78%

Michael Lloyd – 89%

Cameron Herbert 67%

Simon Jagot – 44%

Kathy Campbell – 67%

Ash Perrott – 89%

Anushka Dongre – 11%

Evy McKay – 44%

Kaustav Karan – 89%

Dale Quartey – 100%

President's Report

Patrick Lindsay

Season 2023/24 will forever be remembered by the Bears faithful for the delivery of two celebrated premierships, being the Women's Second Grade Premiership and the Men's Poidevin Gray Shield Premiership. W2s won the flag at the first time of asking after being successfully admitted into the competition as a standalone side the same season, while it was the club's first Poidevin Gray Shield since 1985, ending a nearly 40-year drought.

The Premierships were both won on 10 March 2024, which will become a storied day in the club's history. It is a particularly proud moment to win these premierships in such highly competitive competitions which have been wonderfully curated by the SCA and Cricket NSW.

On the field

The 2023/24 season was an amazing success for our women's program with all three grades playing finals and Second Grade winning the Grand Final vs Gordon.

We must pay tribute to the incomparable Michelle Gozsko, our Director of Women's Cricket who has been instrumental in the growth of our program. She has been ably supported by Harry Mavros, Julien David, Rob Aitken and Alan Gibbons in an impressive coaching group.

But it is the players who got the job done on the field with their skill, determination and winning mentality. The players have fostered a truly united culture which promises to deliver more success in the future. The players have been aided by an army of volunteers who have dedicated many hours to supporting the girls in their cricketing endeavours.

The men's season was more of a mixed bag with a middle of the road finish, 10th to be exact, in the Club Championship. However, there were highlights with the Poidevin Grey Premiership clearly being the foremost. Our victory was even more impressive with the majority of the team being under 19 in an under 21 competition, which clearly bodes well for the future. Congrats to Jamieson Hedges, who skippered the side with aplomb, and the coaches John Saint and Tim Reynolds on an amazing campaign.

Third Grade, Fifth Grade and Green Shield were all in the mix going into the last round of their respective seasons, but unfortunately just missed out on finals. Special congratulations must go to Liam Whitaker who was named Third Grade skipper of the year by the SCA.

Thanks must also go to our men's coaching panel, led by Gary Whitaker and ably supported by John Saint, Nic Bills, Beau McClintock, Liam Whitaker, Ash Perrott, Angelo Joseph, Tim Reynolds and Hamish Reynolds.

Partners

The Bears continued the highly valued partnership with UTS this season. The support from UTS, particularly following a very challenging period for the University, is key to our operating as a successful sporting entity. We thank Sam, Sonja, Dale, Lucy and all of the team at UTS Sport.

We are fortunate to call North Sydney Council a partner and we must pay tribute to Kieran, Jordan, Shaun and the team who provide us with exceptional facilities. And of course, a special congratulations to Bernie Vince who again won the Sydney Cricket Association Lower Grades Ground of the Year award for Tunks Park. Thanks Bernie, you legend!

Financial support and sponsorships

UTS North Sydney continued its relationships with major sponsor Access RnD, as well as Norths Collective, Kieser Cammeray and Hartford Partners, in 2023/24. These relationships play a pivotal role in the maintaining the financial stability of the club. Huge thanks are due in particular to Rod, Dave and the team at Access RnD for their continued generous support.

Special thanks must also be given to our army of player sponsors who provide critical financial support to both the club and our players.

The club has continued to receive extensive grant support from Cricket NSW, Cricket Australia, and the Australian Cricketers' Association, in 2023/24.

Without the support of our partners, it would not be possible for us to provide an environment that our players are accustomed to and we are enormously grateful to all our sponsors and financial supporters.

Junior pathways

The North Sydney Junior District Cricket Club continues to provide pathways for local juniors to represent the club at the NSW Premier Cricket and NSW Women's Premier Cricket level. A number of local juniors earned selection in the Green Shield and Brewer Shield squads this season and thanks must be given to Karl, Jenny, Cameron and everyone at our junior club. We must also thank Aidan Thomas, Ash Perrott, Dylan Johnson and all our junior coaches who



gave our junior players great guidance through midweek training sessions.

Volunteers

I'd like to thank all the volunteers whose dedication facilitated a successful season. Sarah Berman's efforts across both the men's and women's program is unrivalled and indispensable. Thanks to volunteer coaches, Ash Perrott, Liam Whitaker, Angelo Joesph, Harry Mavros, Rob Aitken, Julien David and Alan Gibbons, for their help in warming up sides on match day and coaching at training, and to Rob Lavery and Alan for coordinating administration and communications across the women's side of the club.

Huge credit is also due to our media team, led by Sarah Berman, for their continued excellent work with our socials, Kathy Campbell for running the best canteen in First Grade, Gemma-Jayne Ashdown and David Rodgie for their work at Second Grade, and all the matchday volunteers who support our women's section and Green Shield. Without these volunteers and your committee, cricket at the Bears would look very different.



Finally, this will be my final President's Report as I will be stepping down from the role at the AGM on 19 July. It has been an honour to serve this club as President and I look forward to supporting the Committee's candidate for the Presidency, Ash Perrott, who will perform the role superbly.

NSDCC's 51st Life Member

Rob Lavery



The Management Committee of the UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club unanimously agreed to recommend to the members that Mr Robert Lavery be confirmed as the club's 51st Life Member.

Rob joined the Bears in 2011/12 at the tail end of a period of sustained success for the club. Rob started out in 4th Grade but quickly demonstrated his wares and ultimately moved up to 2nd Grade.

At his peak, Rob was a formidable opening bowler. Possessing height, a smooth run-up and an action that reminded me of Jason Gillespie, he was good value for his 32 wickets at 28 in Second Grade.

Rob's playing statistics for the Bears read 132 wickets at 22.11 with a best bowling of 5/28 and 391 runs at 9.53 with a top score of 38. The majority of those wickets came as a seamer, with a few more recently sprinkled in as an off-break bowler. It distresses me that Rob's batting average is superior to my own, something I intend on correcting next season. That Rob has skippered every grade from Second to Fifth pays testament to his maturity, leadership and tactical acumen.

As impressive as Rob's on-field achievements are, his nomination for Life Membership is also as a result of his off-field contribution, which has been immense. Rob has had two stints on the Committee -one brief stay shortly after joining, and the current tenure, which commenced in 2016/17 and remains ongoing as Senior Vice President. Rob stepped into the breach as President at the commencement of season 2018/19 when the elected President resigned at short notice. Rob has been a selector, coach, website operator, writer, President for three seasons, Senior Vice President, essentially Director of Women's Cricket and captain at various times, all whilst juggling a young family and a second job that actually paid him.

During Rob's time as President, the club strengthened in all aspects. We were stronger on the field - indeed the club's results in the Men's Club Championship improved with each year of his Presidency. The club's financial position improved. The club's standing in the community improved. The Women's program continued to grow. Volunteer engagement improved. By all measures, the Lavery years as President were some of the strongest in the club's history.



Rob has also dedicated significant time and effort into our burgeoning women's program. With the significant support of some other key individuals, this program has evolved into a three-team program with

the approval of a standalone Second Grade team being the most recent achievement.

Although Rob has not been the only individual to contribute to the growth of the women's program, without his involvement, it would not be in the position it is today. Rob's calm leadership piloted the program through some choppy recent waters. I know Rob is proud of where the program is placed, as well he ought to be.

Rob loves cricket and I have greatly enjoyed our chats about the sport, the club and our own performances over the years. I'm sure it is Rob's love for cricket that

has driven his truly massive involvement in UTS NSDCC.

Hall of Fame inductees in various sports are often chosen with a criterion of 'did they change the sport?', in that vein, Rob has most certainly changed this club and undeniably for the better.

As such, on behalf of the Committee, it is my great pleasure to nominate Mr Rob Lavery, a man who has dedicated himself to the Bears, for Life Membership of the North Sydney District Cricket Club.

Patrick Lindsay - speech from 2022/23 AGM

Hundreds (Austin Punch Club) and 5-wicket hauls (Victor Emery Club)







End of Season Awards

 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>BEVYN WHITE Cricketer of the Year MAC JENKINS</p> <p>690 runs @ 32.86, 25 wickets @ 28.72, HS 68, 6 x 50, BB 4/4, 9 catches, 1 run out</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>JIMMY GREENSLADE Clubperson of the Year</p> <p>Supportive teammate and clubmate who contributes across the board to make the club a better place</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>SOPHIA MAVROS Young Clubperson of the Year</p> <p>Active and inclusive captain who united a new team to win a Premiership</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>
 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>HANNE ANDERSON Outstanding Contribution Award</p> <p>The Bears' biggest supporter and a talisman of our women's section</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>MAC JENKINS Access RnD Bradman Medallist</p> <p>690 runs @ 32.86, 25 wickets @ 28.72, HS 68, 6 x 50, BB 4/4, 9 catches, 1 run out</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>HAMISH REYNOLDS Frank Punch Second Grade Player of the Year</p> <p>196 runs @ 49.00, 20 wickets @ 20.30, HS 52*, 2 x 50, BB 6/37, 4 catches</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>
 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>SOPHIA MAVROS Women's Second Grade Player of the Year</p> <p>361 runs @ 25.79, 29 wickets @ 13.45, HS 82*, 3 x 50, BB 3/19, 10 catches, 1 run out</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>LIAM WHITAKER Doug Cole Third Grade Player of the Year</p> <p>28 wickets @ 19.00, BB 5/18, 7 catches, 1 run out</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2023/24</p> <p>UTS SPORT</p> <p>BELLA BURSILL Women's Third Grade Player of the Year</p> <p>13 wickets @ 28.62, BB 4/33, 1 catch</p> <p>Access KIESER UTS SPORT HARTFORD</p>



Milestones

Nic Bills

500 First Grade Premier Cricket wickets

Robert Aitken

12,000 Premier Cricket runs

Justin Avendano

6,000 First Grade Premier Cricket runs

James Campbell

450 Premier Cricket wickets

Tim Reynolds

2,000 First Grade Premier Cricket runs

Patrick Lindsay

400 Premier Cricket wickets

Mac Jenkins

2,000 Premier Cricket runs

100 UTS North Sydney Premier Cricket wickets

Shiv Vohra

100 Premier Cricket wickets

Nuwan Whyte

150 UTS North Sydney Premier Cricket wickets

Christopher Savage

100 UTS North Sydney Premier Cricket wickets

Max Clark

2,000 Premier Cricket runs

Amy Gibbons

Shiloh Julien

1,000 Premier Cricket runs

Emily Aitken

50 Premier Cricket wickets

Representatives

NSW Metro U19s

Addison Sherriff

Hamish Reynolds

Alex Mavros

Northern Territory U19s

Everett Oxenham

ACT U19s

Kai Brunker

Tom Hogan

NSW Metro U16s

Aurora Mavros

NSW Over 50s

Ash Perrott

NSW Over 40s

Rob Lavery

Bernadette Robson

Australia U16s Indoor

Kayla Robson

NSW Indoor

Kayla Robson (U18s & U22s)

Emily Aitken (U18s)

Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu (U16s)

NSW All Schools

Jamieson Hedges

Hamish Reynolds

Everett Oxenham

Fergus Fergusson

Australian Universities XI

James Moore

Poidevin Gray Shield Premiership

Jamieson Hedges



After a long wait from their semi-final victory over Randy Petes, the young Bears side met a strong Northern District side in the Grand Final, fresh off a First Grade Limited Overs Premiership.

The Bears lost the toss on a flat-looking deck at Allan Border Oval and were asked to field first. The Bears got off to a good start thanks to Sherriff's great building of pressure before Fergusson struck with a slight edge through to Moore. Despite the positive start, the Bears were still on edge as the opposing captain, Shaw, joined Tunks to build a robust first-wicket partnership. The pair looked comfortable on a pitch, providing less and less for pace bowling, forcing skipper Hedges to throw the ball to his spinners to earn back the momentum. The NDs batters tried to attack Desai and Oxenham, bringing about wickets as Desai beat Shaw through the air to have him stumped swiftly by Moore for 38. Soon after Desai took his second key wicket, a sharp caught and bowled to remove Miller, who was fresh off a first-grade century the day before.

Tunks and Crayn then came together to take momentum away from the Bears again, with boundaries beginning to flow. A change in the bowling finally brought on Harry Gardner, who waited no time

to impact the game. Gardner took the wickets of both set batters in consecutive overs thanks to a series of sharp catches by Johnson before waiting no time to spin another through the gate of the new batsmen. With wickets having fallen quickly, the Bears restricted the run rate well into the final powerplay before 3 more wickets fell to Gardner as the ND's middle and lower order failed to clear the ropes in the dying overs. Gardner finished with a brilliant 6/26 (which later earned him the player of the match award) to restrict NDs to 196.

After finishing on the back of one Englishman, another stepped up to start the Bears run chase off brilliantly. Sykes took to NDs' bowling attack, striking 11 boundaries in the opening session, including 3 maximums. The fast start gave the Bears significant momentum into the run chase; however, quick wickets of Sykes (60 of 42) and Moore soon after (20) brought NDs back into the fight.



Netto joined Sherriff at the crease with 105 still left to win. The pair absorbed the pressure of the NDs' spinners and gradually began to take the game away from their opponents. Sherriff played the anchor role (32) as Netto (66) aggressively chased down the total, striking 4 sixes. The two comfortably brought home the match for North Sydney with 7 wickets in hand, ending the 39-year drought and giving the Bears their second ever PGs victory.

Women's Second Grade Premiership

Sophia Mavros



After an extraordinary run of seven successive wins, including a thrilling semi-final victory over Sydney, we come to Chatswood to meet a Gordon team seeking revenge after we beat them a fortnight earlier.

But there is something different about the two teams meeting today. Gordon is a team that now fears us and our bowling strike power, and we don't just believe but know that we can win from any position. We win the toss and put them in, and it is immediately apparent that they have come prepared with a new game plan. Taking quick infield singles and slashing hard at width, the Gordon openers roll the dice in an attempt to rattle us.

It works initially, as they score at 5 runs per over for the first 5 overs. But then, Aurora Mavros jags one back off the seam to trap Bhanage in front, Eva Jenns tempts run-machine Callaghan into spooning up an easy catch, and Aurora Mavros knicks off their big-hitter Mitchell caught-behind to have Gordon reeling at 3 for 39. When Sophia Mavros spins a couple of absolute peaches past Salmon and Johnston, and Emily Aitken has Moriarty caught at slip to a lovely catch from Kayla Robson, Gordon are just about done at 6/54.

But finals have a funny way of exploding expectations. Gordon keeper Kotibhaskar combines with Yates to put on a determined 65-run partnership that threatens to push Gordon's score well above the 150 mark. With the score at 119, Kotibhaskar looks to hit Sophia Mavros over the top. With the ball arcing high towards the boundary, mid-on fielder Aurora Mavros gives chase, turning and running at full sprint and finally taking a superb over-the-shoulder catch with extended arms. From that moment onwards, the Gordon batting innings is a spent force, with Emily Aitken and Alex Mavros cleaning up the 3 remaining wickets for only three additional runs. Gordon is bowled out for 122 in 39.1 overs, two runs less than their innings a fortnight prior. Another fantastic effort from our superb bowling unit!



Running true to the script for this season, we begin the chase poorly, losing 2 for 12 before skipper Sophia Mavros comes in to steady the ship with a defensive stand. When she goes with the score on 3/61 and half the score still to get, Alex Mavros again hurts Gordon with a half-century, taking us close before she is dismissed. Aurora Mavros again remains not out to steer the team to victory under enormous pressure, with the Bears knocking off the total in the 44th over. As the team sits in their circle on the grass, reflecting on achieving the best possible result for our first year in Second Grade, all coaches and players could not be prouder of each other's efforts, passion and commitment. No one but ourselves believed we could do it, and that was all it took!

Nic Bills 500 First Grade Wickets

Sarah Berman

In the final match of First Grade's T20 campaign, our captain, Nic Bills, took his 500th wicket in the top grade in NSW Premier Cricket.



Nic made his First Grade debut for the Bears in November 2009 aged 17, earning cap number 615. He became a mainstay of the side in 2010/11 and took 47 wickets in 16 matches at 15.83, including his career best figures of 6/17. This made an irrefutable case for higher honours. Nic played his only Sheffield Shield match in March 2011, bowling first change and removing a pair of future internationals in Marcus Harris and Nathan Coulter-Nile.



Nic remained at the Bears until the end of the 2013-14 season. He left for Manly at the age of 22 after an astonishing 172 First Grade wickets in just over five seasons, and having been a key member of the squad which won the First Grade Limited Overs Cup in 2012/13. In the same season, he and James Campbell combined to put on 156 against Bankstown, setting the club's record partnership for the tenth wicket, with Nic making his career best score of 96* at number 10. This record made Nic a shoo-in for the club's Team of the Decade when it was selected in 2020.



Before returning to the Bears for 2023/24, Nic spent the prior seven years at Sydney, returning five 40+ wicket seasons, of which three involved 50+ wickets, and holding coaching and selector roles. We're thrilled to have him return to where it all began and share his experience and leadership qualities with the playing group.

Nic's 500th First Grade wicket was his tenth of the season in five T20 matches, and his 182nd for North Sydney at an average of 19.50. He becomes the 54th player in the long history of NSW Premier Cricket to reach the illustrious 500 milestone.

Congratulations, Nic, and we look forward to celebrating many more milestones!

First Grade Report

Nic Bills

Looking back on the First Grade season, it was one of change, a few missed opportunities, some outstanding individual and team performances and an incredibly impressive potential to achieve our goal of winning first grade competitions in the next 2-3 seasons.



Across the entirety of the season, the win loss record was not in our favour, but this does not show for the growth in a number of our players, which included 10 new players to the list of first graders to the Bears throughout the season. The most exciting part of the new players (plus the young players already at the Bears) was the fact that when we asked them to pull on their First Grade cap for the first time, they were well and truly ready for the call up. No challenge we asked of them was too much and the fact they were able to more than compete at First Grade level, means the club is in a great position moving forward, to capitalise on the strength of our playing group.



Our season was highlighted by three strong wins:

- Against Manly at Manly, where we were able to chase down 250+ against a side who would be eventual Belvidere Cup runners up.
- A two-day win against Gordon, eventual finalists in the Belvidere Cup, at Bon Andrews which saw contributions from nearly every player in the side in a game that came down to just 17 runs.
- Finally, a one-day win against Western Suburbs, eventual finalists in the Limited Overs Cup, which saw Tim Reynolds get his first, first grade hundred in a remarkable run chase (with a little luck on our side) which saw us chase down the 288 set by Wests in their innings.



These wins highlight the exciting and incredible potential of this young group moving forward, which will no doubt include many more great wins like this in the years to come.



On behalf of all the players, we would like to make a few special thank yous to people, without whom we would not be able to do what we do on Saturdays and Sundays. To Sarah and Kathy, for all your efforts off the field, scoring, organising lunch and teas and everything else you do without us even knowing, no task was ever too big or too small and without all of your efforts we would be lost.



Finally, to Pat and the Management Committee, thank you to all the work you do behind the scenes to make sure that the club runs smoothly and efficiently. We are lucky enough to get onto the field to represent the Bears every weekend, and owe a great deal of gratitude for your work liaising with council, groundsman, the SCA and Sunset Cinema!



First Grade Statistics – One and Two-Day Cricket

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Mac Jenkins	14	18	3	566	6	-	68*	37.73	8
Addison Sherriff	14	17	1	418	1	1	115	26.13	5
Timothy Reynolds	15	18	3	364	1	1	100*	24.27	5
Harrison Ward	11	15	-	362	2	-	80	24.13	5
Justin Avendano	11	13	-	314	2	-	68	24.15	5
James Greenslade	15	19	4	306	1	-	98*	20.40	15/1
Oliver Knight	10	11	-	218	2	-	68	19.82	2
James Moore	11	13	2	201	1	-	59	18.27	4/1
Dylan Mares	6	7	-	175	1	-	61	25.00	1
Callum Hill	7	10	1	155	-	-	44*	17.22	8/1
Nihal Desai	5	8	2	125	1	-	56*	20.83	2
Harrison Lee-Young	5	5	-	90	-	-	43	18.00	1
Nic Bills	12	12	4	68	-	-	29	8.50	7
James Campbell	10	7	1	39	-	-	13	6.50	2
Robert Aitken	3	3	-	38	-	-	33	12.67	-
Jordan Netto	1	1	-	35	-	-	35	35.00	-
Fergus Fergusson	1	2	1	34	-	-	21	34.00	-

Also batted: Hamish Reynolds (24 runs @ 12.00), Everett Oxenham (20 runs @ 10.00), Fletcher May (15 runs @ 3.75), Jamieson Hedges (5 runs @ 2.50)

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
James Campbell	124	27	404	21	-	19.24	3.24	4/26
Mac Jenkins	166	15	576	16	-	36.00	3.47	4/4
Addison Sherriff	104	16	302	15	1	20.13	2.89	7/32
Nic Bills	119	8	572	13	-	44.00	4.79	2/28
Oliver Knight	80	5	436	9	-	48.44	5.42	4/48
Fletcher May	56	9	243	7	-	34.71	4.34	3/42
Nihal Desai	52	7	231	5	-	46.20	4.46	2/76
Everett Oxenham	44	2	243	4	-	60.75	5.54	1/6
Harrison Ward	11	1	77	3	-	25.67	7.00	1/17
Robert Aitken	28	6	75	2	-	37.50	2.63	1/17
Harrison Lee-Young	32	1	164	2	-	82.00	5.13	1/41
Hamish Reynolds	8	1	24	1	-	24.00	3.00	1/6
Fergus Fergusson	16	2	85	1	-	85.00	5.31	1/85

First Grade Statistics – T20 Cricket

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Justin Avendano	4	4	1	116	1	-	76*	38.67	1
Mac Jenkins	4	4	-	83	-	-	34	20.75	-
Timothy Reynolds	4	4	2	72	-	-	27*	36.00	-
Aiden Bariol	4	4	-	61	-	-	44	15.25	4/2
Oliver Knight	4	3	2	35	-	-	28	35.00	4
Addison Sherriff	4	4	-	31	-	-	21	7.75	-
Dylan Mares	4	2	1	27	-	-	18*	27.00	4
Hugh Sherriff	4	2	-	18	-	-	15	9.00	2
James Greenslade	4	2	-	8	-	-	4	4.00	1
Nic Bills	4	1	1	7	-	-	7*	-	2
Everett Oxenham	4	1	1	4	-	-	4*	-	-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Nic Bills	16	-	101	10	-	10.10	6.31	3/18
Everett Oxenham	13	-	79	5	-	15.80	6.08	3/26
Mac Jenkins	14	-	91	5	-	18.20	6.50	2/23
Oliver Knight	13	-	82	3	-	27.33	6.31	2/25
Hugh Sherriff	14	-	82	3	-	27.33	5.66	1/17
Addison Sherriff	5	1	11	2	-	5.50	2.20	2/7
Dylan Mares	2	-	3	-	-	-	1.50	0/0



Men's Second Grade Report

Robbie Aitken

Ode to the 2s

On lush green Bon Andrews, North Sydney's home ground, The sound of 'Bears Picnic' will often resound.



They put the team first, for one and for all, But a captaincy lost, a bird man did fall.

With dreams of the top six, all do strive, Yet mother nature's cruel hand, obstructs our premiership drive.



Four openers strong, our talent displayed, But injuries strike, our progress delayed.

In first grade's struggles, our players were sought, Elevated they rise, in battles they're caught.

Will Graham's new rig on display for all, Many opening bats left seeking the ball.

Ollie Sykes, towering sixes, he frequently sends, In cricket's ranks, his talent ascends.



Harri Lee Young, a ton to his name, In the Austin Punch club, he's written his name.



Our Athers surveyed the lay of the land, We are all so pleased he's in our Second Grade band.



Hamish Reynolds decided to make cricket his job,
He's come of age at last and joined the First Grade
mob.

Nihal's wrong'un, a puzzle unsolved, His magic
delivery, opponents dissolved.

GA's cheers echo, but his body still strains, Even in 42
degrees, his support sustains.



Gemma, the scorer, with pencils so keen, Captures
each moment, every climactic scene.

Nuwan, with precision, the ball he steers, Seaming it
around, bringing opponents to tears.



Sam Alexander, bids farewell with grace, To
Newcastle he goes for love's sweet embrace.



Washouts, shortened matches, all obstacles faced,
Yet half the matches, we skilfully aced.

Six one-day victories, our spirits lift, But alas, two-
day matches left us sadly adrift.



Seven wins usually mean you're semi-finals bound,
But this year's outcome, a different sound.

In our club's 166-year history, our story's spun, Of
battles fought, and victories won.

North Sydney twos, a tale of might, Can't wait for next
season as our prospects look bright.

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Men's Second Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Ollie Sykes	11	10	-	367	2	1	138	36.70	9
Harrison Lee-Young	10	8	1	248	1	1	100*	35.43	4
Brent Atherton	9	9	1	239	1	-	81	29.88	3
James Aitken	15	13	4	229	-	-	39	25.44	10
Callum Hill	6	6	1	207	3	-	78	41.40	5
Hamish Reynolds	10	7	3	196	2	-	52*	49.00	4
Finn Nixon-Tomko	9	8	-	189	1	-	61	23.63	3
Dylan Mares	9	8	-	152	-	-	49	19.00	1
James Moore	4	4	-	112	1	-	62	28.00	8
Robert Aitken	7	6	-	92	-	-	44	15.33	4
Jamieson Hedges	7	5	2	86	-	-	29*	28.67	1
Jordan Netto	9	6	1	73	-	-	24	14.60	6/1
Nihal Desai	7	3	-	50	-	-	38	16.67	6
Fergus Fergusson	4	3	-	47	-	-	42	15.67	-
Glenn Aitken	3	2	-	41	-	-	26	20.50	1

Also batted: Fletcher May (39 runs @ 13.00), Harry Gardner (32 runs @ 16.00), Lachlan Stewart (23 runs, undismisssed), James Campbell (22 runs @ 22.00), Will Graham (19 runs @ 6.33), Sam Alexander (17 runs @ 8.50), Justin Rodgie (16 runs @ 8.00), Baran Kumar Katakam (9 runs, undismisssed), John Nevell (5 runs @ 2.50), Liam Whitaker (4 runs @ 4.00), Vrushab Kumar (3 runs @ 3.00), Dilraj Singh (3 runs @ 3.00), Nuwan Whyte (0 runs, undismisssed).

Bowling

	.	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Hamish Reynolds	98	14	406	20	1	20.30	4.14	6/37
Will Graham	95	7	400	18	-	22.22	4.21	4/79
Nihal Desai	92	8	298	16	-	18.63	3.24	4/30
Sam Alexander	122	17	454	16	-	28.38	3.73	4/40
Harry Gardner	72	11	208	10	-	20.80	2.89	3/37
Jamieson Hedges	67	11	203	9	-	22.56	3.01	3/43
Fergus Fergusson	39	3	149	5	-	29.80	3.82	3/35
Nuwan Whyte	45	10	169	5	-	33.80	3.76	3/17
James Aitken	35	2	180	4	-	45.00	5.14	2/44
Fletcher May	52	5	182	4	-	45.50	3.50	2/37
Dylan Mares	26	1	96	3	-	32.00	3.69	1/20

Also bowled: James Campbell (2 wickets for 37 runs), James Edwards (2 wickets for 61 runs), Justin Rodgie (2 wickets for 112 runs), Robert Aitken (2 wickets for 181 runs), Vrushab Kumar (1 wicket for 73 runs), Harrison Lee-Young (1 wicket for 226 runs).

Women's Second Grade Report

Sophia Mavros

Well, our journey this year is a genuine underdog story. We joined the Second Grade competition as a brand-new team, carrying with us the crazy goal of reaching the semis and pushing for a First Grade team the year after. Crazy brave or just plain crazy? We didn't really know at that stage!



After a promising win in our first game, we got hammered by the Tigers, lost our run machine Shiloh to injury, and dropped some easily winnable games to put us well behind on the table. We also lost some key players to rep duties, and at the Christmas break we found ourselves in the position of needing to win every game, AND collect bonus points along the way, to have ANY chance of getting to the semis.



Well, as we now all know, we went on to win 8 games straight and lift the Premiership shield in an amazing

run. We did this under huge pressure and with more than just a Premiership at stake, given our hopes for building the club towards First Grade next year. So, to everyone involved... YES!!!

But it's worth asking, how did we do it? How did we accomplish this crazy goal? Well, while I think our success has a bit to do with talent, I think it mostly has to do with our mental toughness. Our ability to absorb pressure for extended periods in high-stakes games and to win clutch moments was the deciding factor that won us the competition. When fielding, batters would always break before our bowlers did and when batting, we dug in until the bowlers got loose and we could capitalise. Basically, we got the job done when it mattered, rather than just putting up dominant performances when it didn't.



Our ability to grind out wins didn't come naturally, and it was something we developed over the course of the season. We have our brilliant coaching staff to thank for that. They took the pressure off us and allowed each individual to just play with a clear head. It was never about winning the game, but just about following our processes and executing our skills. To our assistant coaches Robbie and Harry, you guys are both cricket tragics in the best possible way, and you bring an encyclopedia of cricketing wisdom every week, as well as being perfect examples of a positive sports mindset. You remained so calm and positive during the toughest situations, and that calmness

rubbed off on us players and made all the difference. Thank you, you guys are legends!



To our head coach Michelle: you took the brunt of the club's problems head-on every week, whether finding players to fill in so we could get a team on the park, making the tough selection calls, driving us to be better and better at training, and keeping our spirits up when we were down. You believed in us right from the beginning and you never lost faith, even when we played like hot garbage. You bring so much passion and experience to the playing group, and with everything you have been through, you are an inspiration to all of us, and we are incredibly lucky to have you. Thank you, Michelle.



I also want to thank the parents for their amazing support. Parents are absolutely the drivers of young cricketers. They give up so much time and effort to support their kids on their cricketing journey, and as

a player I can tell you that there's nothing more rewarding than sharing your cricketing achievements with your family. So, a big thank you to all the cricketing mums and dads, you're the best!

And now, finally... girls, I want to thank you all for a truly amazing season. Each and every one of you contributed crucial performances at times throughout the season, and we needed every single one of them to pull off what we eventually did. I hope you all remember this season and cherish the role that you played because it really was something special.



I want to especially extend a BIG thank you to those players who filled in from Third Grade and Brewers to get us on the park each week. You guys supported the Second Grade players with unfailing enthusiasm every game, even though this was often without getting opportunities with the ball or bat. It's that kind of selfless attitude that makes great teams, and I so very much appreciate your efforts...thank you! On a personal note, I want to say that I couldn't be more grateful to have captained such a wonderful side. Thank you guys so much for accepting me and supporting me right from the start, and for welcoming my family to the Bear's. It's an amazing club to be a part of and I look forward to better things to come as the club grows again next year. So, with that, all I can say is...GO THE BEARS!!!

Speech from 2024 Gala Presentation Evening

Women's Second Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Alexandra Mavros	17	16	5	392	3	-	78*	35.64	6
Sophia Mavros	18	16	2	361	3	-	82*	25.79	10
Shiloh Y Julien	11	11	2	280	3	-	71	31.11	2
Adelaide Hicks	16	14	3	244	1	-	98*	22.18	3
India Keating	18	14	4	151	-	-	34*	15.10	2
Kayla Robson	15	8	1	79	-	-	34	11.29	10/3
Aurora Mavros	7	4	2	70	-	-	35*	35.00	2
Eva Jenns	17	8	1	69	-	-	24*	9.86	5
Emily Aitken	18	8	2	63	-	-	41	10.50	5
Ellie James	15	13	3	62	-	-	28	6.20	2
Bernadette Robson	8	6	2	50	-	-	21	12.50	-
Sameeksha Kuncham	2	2	-	24	-	-	21	12.00	-
Amy Gibbons	9	3	1	22	-	-	16	11.00	3/1

Also batted: Tayla Seymour (12 runs, undismised), Evy McKay (7 runs @ 7.00), Georgia MacDonald (4 runs, undismised), Lily Hancock (4 runs @ 4.00, 6 catches, 2 stumpings), Lavena Rampal (3 runs @ 3.00), Jasmyn James (0 runs @ 0.00).

Bowling

	.	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBi
Sophia Mavros	120	13	390	29	-	13.45	3.23	3/10
Emily Aitken	115	22	316	26	-	12.15	2.74	3/8
Alexandra Mavros	93	10	289	22	-	13.14	3.09	4/22
Eva Jenns	24	4	91	9	-	10.11	3.71	3/6
Aurora Mavros	48	9	169	8	-	21.13	3.52	2/14
Lavena Rampal	41	2	123	7	-	17.57	2.95	2/5
India Keating	45	-	255	6	-	42.50	5.67	1/10
Jasmyn James	13	-	70	4	-	17.50	5.38	2/23
Ellie James	31	1	180	3	-	60.00	5.78	1/2
Sameeksha Kuncham	8	-	30	2	-	15.00	3.75	1/9
Georgia MacDonald	15	2	54	2	-	27.00	3.60	2/6
Shiloh Y Julien	13	-	54	2	-	27.00	3.95	1/8

Also bowled: Violet Crowe (0 wickets for 5 runs), Kayla Robson (0 wickets for 7 runs), Bernadette Robson (0 wickets for 9 runs), Mikaela Jenkins (0 wickets for 22 runs)

Men's Third Grade Report

John Nevell

It was a great privilege to be your Third Grade captain for the 2023/24 season. That's what I'm sure Liam Whitaker would be saying if he were here tonight.



The season started the same way it does every year for third grade, with all of us complaining about not being in twos. We cleaned them up for 99 and chased it 2 down in the 17th. 1 from 1.

We had a win in Round 2 against Manly, including a quick fire 43 from Hamish Reynolds, with 38 of them coming in boundaries.



We made it 3 from 3 after a 40-run win against Campbelltown-Camden.

Round 4 was an outright victory against Hawkesbury and my chosen highlight is the three times the umpire had to stop the game because Jacob Graham kept getting up and walking over to his mum when he was meant to be scoring. Finn got 71 but I officially I can't get around him because he didn't buy a ticket for tonight. Of course, after the victory we come off and hear that young Jordan Netto has tonned up in 2s!



Round 5 against St George saw Sykesy hit 74 and Nihal 50 not out batting 10. I was down the other end when Sykesy got out. After hitting the first three balls of the over for 4, he danced down one too many times and top edged one to point. At this moment the bowler ran up to him and shouted "you won the battle and I won the war". Such passion. In the chase, they were looking pretty comfortable until Max Clark, fielding at short leg, took an amazing catch. It came off the middle of the bat and Max just stuck out his right mitt.



Round 6, first loss of the season to Parramatta. Moving on.

Round 7. Whit led from the front and rolled through Gordon with 5/18. Big Baz (Baran Kumar) then dominated the chase with 72 not out.



In Round 8 we got hammered by Wests after choosing to bowl first on an absolute belter.

Round 9 was a narrow win against Bankstown. The highlight was Jameson Hedges with a two-kill streak. That's right, he ran out Gards (Harry Gardner) and then gave Fergus Fergusson the same treatment the next ball.

Round 10, loss against Sydney Uni.



Round 11 vs Easts. I said we got hammered by Wests when we lost by 100, I don't think there is an adjective to describe losing by 210 runs in a one-dayer so we are moving on.

Round 12 was a two-dayer against Sydney. They declared on 8 for 344 and it was looking grim for the

lads. On the second week, Baz hit a brilliant 82. Netto hit 85 and was looking like steering the boys home until a dubious leg before wicket call. We ended up falling 15 short.



Round 13. Jamieson Hedges forgot his whites so it was a good thing he won the toss and could bat first. A convincing 60 run win thanks to fifties from Feilo (Jack Feilen) and Max.



Round 14 was a tough loss to UNSW after a borderline dangerous pitch in week 2.

Round 15, Feilo got 62 and we finished on 9/197. Fergus Fergusson opened the bowling and to be honest, sprayed them everywhere in his first couple overs. Gary was on the sidelines and told me to tell him to get his arm up and stay tall. Now, I'm no fast bowler but I'm pretty sure they don't take too kindly

to wicketkeepers coming up and telling them how to bowl. Anyway, I didn't say anything to Ferg, and he the proceeded to rip through Randy Petes, taking 5/41. We won by 100.



With one round to go, after averaging 13, I was deservedly moved up to Second Grade. The last round of the season was a tough loss to NDs, DJ with 51 and Whit a fighting 33 not out.

3s ended up missing out on finals. I'd like to thank all the volunteers, especially Sarah and Pat for all their work. Also, thanks to the lads for a great season. After the last round I was telling everyone I am done with cricket but it's only May and I've already started shadow batting so I guess I'll see everyone at preseason.

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Men's Third Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Baran Kumar Katakam	14	14	1	330	3	-	82	25.38	3
Max Clark	14	14	-	274	2	-	51	19.57	9
Jonathon Feilen	5	5	-	199	2	-	73	39.80	3
Dylan Johnson	10	10	-	185	1	-	51	18.50	6
Jordan Netto	5	4	-	174	2	-	85	43.50	6/1
John Nevell	13	12	-	168	-	-	40	14.00	14/2
Jamieson Hedges	6	6	-	152	-	-	41	25.33	4
Harry Gardner	12	10	4	141	-	-	34*	23.50	2
Finn Nixon-Tomko	6	6	-	140	1	-	71	23.33	1
Ollie Sykes	4	4	-	134	1	-	74	33.50	-
Dilraj Singh	7	7	-	116	-	-	36	16.57	-
Hamish Reynolds	2	2	1	81	-	-	43	81.00	-
Fergus Fergusson	10	9	1	75	-	-	41	9.38	2
Vrushab Kumar	7	5	-	57	-	-	23	11.40	3
Liam Whitaker	13	10	2	57	-	-	33*	7.13	7
Nihal Desai	4	3	1	52	1	-	50*	26.00	1

Also batted: Will Graham (46 runs @ 23.00), Jacob Graham (43 runs @ 14.33), Robin Broom (40 runs @ 10.00), Callum Hill (33 runs @ 33.00), Izaak Merlehan (24 runs @ 24.00), Aidan Thomas (21 runs, undismitted), James Edwards (16 runs @ 8.00), Thomas Cole (12 runs @ 6.00), Naman Batish (4 runs @ 4.00), Nuwan Whyte (2 runs @ 2.00), Henry Lester (0 runs, undismitted).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Liam Whitaker	174	36	532	28	1	19.00	3.05	5/18
Harry Gardner	138	26	471	20	-	23.55	3.41	3/12
Fergus Fergusson	92	10	348	18	1	19.33	3.76	5/41
Will Graham	85	9	264	13	-	20.31	3.11	2/23
Nuwan Whyte	36	7	118	10	-	11.80	3.22	2/8
Jacob Graham	72	17	161	10	-	16.10	2.24	2/9
Hamish Reynolds	20	4	40	7	-	5.71	2.00	4/24
Nihal Desai	24	6	62	6	1	10.33	2.55	5/24
Baran Kumar Katakam	25	1	136	6	-	22.67	5.44	3/37
Vrushab Kumar	32	1	142	6	-	23.67	4.44	3/33
Henry Lester	17	-	81	5	-	16.20	4.76	4/33

Also bowled: James Edwards (4 wickets for 131 runs), Dylan Johnson (3 wickets for 86 runs), Jamieson Hedges (2 wickets for 25 runs), Travis McKenna (2 wickets for 33 runs), Jack Atkinson (2 wickets for 102 runs), Thomas Cole (2 wickets for 165 runs), Izaak Merlehan (1 wicket for 71 runs).

Women's Third Grade Report

Bernadette Robson

First and foremost, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our club sponsors. Your support and generosity have played a vital role in the success of our team this season. Without your contributions, we wouldn't have been able to enjoy the camaraderie and competition that cricket brings to our lives.



I also want to express our gratitude to our dedicated club administrators, especially Sarah Berman. Sarah, your tireless efforts behind the scenes have not gone unnoticed. A special thank you is also due to our selection committee for their invaluable advice and guidance throughout the season. Your expertise and insight have helped shape our team and set us on the path to success.



Now, let's take a moment to reflect on the season of firsts that we've experienced together. For many of us, it's been a season of milestones – our first wickets, our first match-winning partnerships (even if one partner got a duck!), our first time captaining the

team, our first catches, our first joint uni project, and our first hip replacement.



Yes, our scorecards may be full of ducks, but we've walked away with something even more valuable – points and memories that will last a lifetime. And let's not forget our very own "mankad" – yes, in Third Grade! We may not have won every match, but we've shown tremendous determination and resilience on the field, embodying the true spirit of cricket.



Lastly, I want to acknowledge the incredible contribution of our coach, Alan. Alan, you are not just a coach but a mentor to each member of our team. Your dedication and efforts have made this season truly remarkable. Your ability to bring together a team of mixed skill and experience and ensure that each player walks away from every game with a smile is a testament to the culture you have created. Under

your guidance, 59 players have proudly represented the Bears, and you have undoubtedly left a legacy and huge shoes to fill. As a tribute to you, Alan, I'd like to share a quote that embodies your coaching philosophy: "It's not about the wins or losses, but the growth and camaraderie that we experience together as a team." Thank you, Alan, for everything you have done for us this season. Your passion for the game and unwavering support have truly made a difference in our lives.



Now for a special mention. I was requested to mention a special someone, Bella Bursill. Yes, Bella specifically asked I mention her. Her smile helped to keep the umpires on our side and her energy inspired us all. In one game Bella did all the fielding and her batting coach may need some tips, but Bella's bowling went from strength to strength. It is therefore with great pleasure I announce that the Third Grade Player of the Year is Bella!

Speech from 2024 Gala Presentation Evening



Women's Third Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Kayla Robson	12	11	3	319	2	-	95*	39.88	5
Amy Gibbons	16	14	3	311	-	-	43	28.27	9/4
Bernadette Robson	12	13	4	277	2	-	52*	30.78	8/1
Emily Aitken	13	13	4	179	1	-	60*	19.89	5
Evelyn McKay	10	10	2	153	1	-	50*	19.13	3
Anushka Dongre	8	8	3	108	1	-	50*	21.60	2
Anu Raj	14	12	2	90	-	-	30*	9.00	-
Isabel Selems	2	2	1	78	1	-	50*	78.00	-
Charlotte Moss	13	11	-	74	-	-	17	6.73	3
Cassandra Watson	5	5	1	73	-	-	30*	18.25	-
Sadaf Zaidi	14	12	1	66	-	-	19	6.00	-
Sophia Mavros	2	2	-	47	-	-	34	23.50	-
Anna Peterson	15	14	1	47	-	-	13	3.62	1
Bella Bursill	17	12	3	41	-	-	15*	4.56	1
Adelaide Hicks	2	2	1	38	-	-	33*	38.00	-

Also batted: India Keating (28 runs @ 14.00), Samantha Williams (19 runs, undismised), Chloe Blackwell (17 runs @ 2.83), Anjali D'Cunha (13 runs @ 2.17), Sarah Gibbons (7 runs @ 7.00), Eva Jenns (4 runs @ 4.00), Violet Crowe (2 runs @ 1.00), Toni Muller (1 run @ 0.33), Abigail Aitken (0 runs @ 0.00).

Bowling

	.	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Bella Bursill	82	9	372	13	-	28.62	4.53	4/33
Charlotte Moss	49	4	212	12	-	17.67	4.33	3/15
Anjali D'Cunha	76	11	243	12	-	20.25	3.20	2/8
Emily Aitken	66	8	222	11	-	20.18	3.36	2/19
Sadaf Zaidi	55	10	165	10	-	16.50	2.99	3/9
Evelyn McKay	52	2	281	10	-	28.10	5.40	3/22
Anushka Dongre	45	2	143	9	-	15.89	3.18	3/18
Abigail Aitken	26	2	99	7	-	14.14	3.81	2/7
Bernadette Robson	21	2	61	6	-	10.17	2.90	3/17
Kayla Robson	13	3	49	4	-	12.25	3.77	2/9
Georgia MacDonald	7	1	15	2	-	7.50	2.14	1/4
Violet Crowe	16	3	77	2	-	38.50	4.81	1/7
India Keating	8	1	18	1	-	18.00	2.25	1/9

Also bowled: Cassandra Watson (0 wickets for 7 runs), Chloe Blackwell (0 wickets for 19 runs), Anna Peterson (0 wickets for 26 runs), Sophia Mavros (0 wickets for 27 runs), Isabel Selems (0 wickets for 39 runs).

Fourth Grade Report

Harry Davis

The 2023/24 season was a journey for Fourth Grade, with countless successes, gut wrenching losses, and the standard post-season review of what we could have changed.



The Bears dominated for parts of the season, with the captain's bowl first mentality - which had led the team to countless success across the years – paying dividends throughout. Unfortunately, the consistent growth of the injury list and a few timely retirees resulted in the team being unable to maintain any momentum with consistent changes to the team. However, this showcased the team's ability to thrive under pressure which was exacerbated by the numerous scenarios from which a victory was extracted from very precarious positions.



The start of the season began with a high level of intensity, with wins in 4 out of the first 5 games, however the early fireworks could not be extended to the winning streaks that have become a mainstay of Fourth Grade in recent years. This was led by commanding performances from the veterans of grade cricket in all-round execution from Izaak Merlehan, tight bowling from Jack Thomas and strong hitting through Robin Broom, Aidan Thomas and Kaustav Karan.



However, the youth of the team, provided many of the highlights from the season. Dilraj Singh and Jack Mannix provided explosive hitting at the top of the order to help gain early momentum, and Liam Weerakoon's ability to hold an end was also pivotal in the team's success. These youngsters were ably supported by Dylan Johnson and Jack Feilen, who proved their class through the sheer number of runs they scored, both earning promotions up the grades after what was a late start to the season for both. With the ball, Esar Omar showed aggression with his delivery, which when combined with James Edwards' consistent length, proved to be troublesome for the best of batters.



The experience of skipper Alex Perry proved crucial throughout the season, although with injuries plaguing the team he was forced to bat in very challenging situations and bowl many unfavourable overs.

New additions to the club helped breathe new life into the team and helped deliver a vital boost of morale into the team, with Henry Lester's infectious energy, combining with Jack Atkinson's wealth of experience, to become a destructive force with the new ball.



Overall, the season was successful, with many new players being inducted into the brutality of grade cricket throughout, the resilience and determination shown is something to be immensely proud of. Combined with the leadership shown from those returning, there was a plethora of moments to be proud of. The group will come back stronger and hungrier for the experience this year, and I am eager to see what those listed can produce in the next season.

Speech from 2024 Gala Presentation Evening

Fourth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Harrison Davis	13	12	2	270	2	-	58*	27.00	17/3
Aidan Thomas	14	13	-	250	1	-	72	19.23	6
Robin Broom	9	8	-	248	2	-	77	31.00	5
Alexander Perry	15	15	2	236	-	-	37*	18.15	6
Dilraj Singh	7	8	-	228	1	-	52	28.50	-
Jonathon Feilen	5	5	-	193	2	-	63	38.60	2
Kaustav Karan	9	10	-	158	-	-	44	15.80	3
Vrushab Kumar	6	6	1	152	2	-	76	30.40	2
Dylan Johnson	3	3	-	130	1	-	86	43.33	3
Liam Weerakoon	13	13	1	111	-	-	28	9.25	5
Izaak Merlehan	7	6	1	88	-	-	31	17.60	2
Eesa Omar	8	7	2	86	-	-	31*	17.20	1
Jack Mannix	3	4	1	82	-	-	28*	27.33	1
Matthew Cole	5	4	-	66	-	-	44	16.50	2
Jacob Graham	2	2	1	49	-	-	49*	49.00	1

Also batted: Henry Lester (41 runs @ 8.20), Ravi Adabala (37 runs @ 9.25), James Edwards (24 runs @ 24.00), Jack Thomas (23 runs @ 5.75), John Nevell (17 runs @ 17.00), Shivam Vohra (14 runs @ 4.67), Naman Batish (13 runs @ 4.33), Karan Sharma (10 runs @ 10.00), Thomas Cole (7 runs @ 7.00), Amodh Sriram (4 runs, undismitted), Brad Wilson (4 runs @ 4.00), Benjamin Champion (4 runs @ 4.00), Shubh Khatter (3 runs @ 3.00), Henry Riseborough (2 runs @ 2.00), Jack Atkinson (1 run @ 1.00), Angelo Joseph (1 run @ 1.00), Lachlan Barber (1 run @ 0.50).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Jack Thomas	66	12	205	16	1	12.81	3.11	5/24
Vrushab Kumar	61	17	157	10	-	15.70	2.55	4/55
Izaak Merlehan	65	6	247	10	1	24.70	3.79	5/70
Eesa Omar	51	6	220	9	-	24.44	4.30	3/29
Alexander Perry	59	4	270	8	-	33.75	4.53	4/41
Henry Lester	67	10	221	7	-	31.57	3.30	2/15
Jack Atkinson	37	8	114	6	-	19.00	3.08	4/48
Jacob Graham	15	4	40	5	-	8.00	2.67	3/33
Ravi Adabala	62	9	215	5	-	43.00	3.47	2/56
Brad Wilson	43	10	70	4	-	17.50	1.63	2/5
Amodh Sriram	22	5	71	4	-	17.75	3.23	2/18
Karan Sharma	15	-	76	4	-	19.00	5.01	2/11

Also bowled: Karan Sharma (4 wickets for 76 runs), James Edwards (4 wickets for 165 runs), Shubh Khatter (3 wickets for 40 runs), Kaustav Karan (3 wickets for 49 runs), Naman Batish (3 wickets for 57 runs), Lachlan Barber (3 wickets for 75 runs), Dilraj Singh (3 wickets for 79 runs), Thomas Cole (3 wickets for 99 runs), Sam Alexander (2 wickets for 5 runs), Shivam Vohra (2 wickets for 80 runs), Henry Riseborough (1 wicket for 13 runs), Toby Hannan (1 wicket for 31 runs).



Fifth Grade Report

Michael Lloyd

Congratulations to our magnificent Poidevin Gray squad who broke a 40-year drought by securing the premiership this year. You should be very proud to have achieved something that will have your names etched into the storied 150-year history of this club. No one in that team played any matches in 5s this year which means they were always going to be good.



Congratulations also to the UTS North Sydney Women's Second grade team for their superb premiership in their inaugural season – they too did not have anyone play Fifth Grade this year so naturally they must also be a group of very talented players.

Glenn Aitken reminded me again this year that no one should be spoken to unless they have a First Grade hundred under their belt. This is hard to do in First Grade. It means I can't even talk to myself in the mirror – not that Fifth Grade sheds have mirrors.

The year ended how it started – in a stitch up... missing the finals by one point courtesy of St George's outright frolic against Hawkesbury with 5s left to rue what could have been after been on the wrong side of fixtures we didn't need to lose, or being handed losses like Manly in Round 2 where we lay witness to one of the greatest Fifth Grade knocks of

all time by some teenager from the north coast who ended up in 2s.



Legal advice was considered in regards to the season scheduling – particularly in relation to the extra round being added. However, with a lack of funding and a reluctance by Channel 7 to back another certain loser, we accepted our fate.

There were 42 players who came through 5s this year. Standouts this year were the senior players like Pat Lindsay who led the league with 36 wickets including a 5-fa against Sydney and 11 for the match against Hawkesbury. Shiv Vohra with 26 wickets and Ravi Adabala with 19 led our bowling attack supported by many Green Shield players as well as Chris Savage and Matt Cole later in the season.



Runs were scored by myself, Naman Batish, Chris Lloyd, Krish Vanapamula and Matt Cole. There were plenty of wonderful contributions from the likes of Angelo Joseph, Matt O'Donnell, Kaustav Karan,

Shashank Chari, Izaak Merlehan and the great man, Travis McKenna.



The standard of 5s was much higher this year and we almost always felt the opposition were in the match most rounds we played.

I want to thank Pat Lindsay for shared captain duties and Bernie Vince for the outstanding condition of Tunks this season. It was a pleasure to play this year and look forward to seeing everyone at pre-season.



Speech from 2024 Gala Presentation Evening

Fifth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Michael Lloyd	10	10	3	370	2	1	104*	52.86	9
Naman Batish	11	13	-	339	3	-	66	26.08	5
Krishna Vanapamula	12	12	2	297	1	-	90	29.70	17
Christopher Lloyd	6	5	2	209	1	1	101	69.67	4
Matthew Cole	7	8	4	172	-	-	48	43.00	4
Angelo Joseph	7	8	1	153	-	-	44	21.86	6
Matt O'Donnell	7	9	1	135	-	-	35	16.88	3
Travis McKenna	4	5	1	131	-	-	41	32.75	1
Patrick Lindsay	12	10	1	125	-	-	32	13.89	1
Kaustav Karan	5	5	-	108	-	-	44	21.60	3
Jack Mannix	3	3	-	105	1	-	53	35.00	1
Ravi Adabala	10	8	2	105	-	-	44	17.50	5
Brenton Thompson	2	2	-	87	1	-	66	43.50	-
Izaak Merlehan	1	2	1	86	-	-	48	86.00	1
Alex MacGill	4	6	1	80	-	-	33	16.00	2
Benjamin Champion	3	3	-	79	1	-	67	26.33	-
Dylan Johnson	1	1	-	63	1	-	63	63.00	-
Daivik Sahni	7	6	-	58	-	-	24	9.67	5
Jonathon Feilen	1	2	-	56	-	-	29	28.00	-

Also batted: Shivam Vohra (39 runs @ 13.00), Eesa Omar (32 runs @ 10.67), Dhruv Sakkarwal (26 runs @ 26.00), Hamilton Seoung (19 runs @ 19.00), Karan Sharma (19 runs @ 3.80), Owen Lang (17 runs @ 17.00), Angus Miller (12 runs, undismised), Shubh Khatter (6 runs @ 3.00), Amodh Sriram (5 runs, undismised), Henry Lester (5 runs @ 2.50), Kishna Dhawan (5 runs @ 2.50), Luke Austin (4 runs @ 4.00), Toby Hannan (3 runs @ 3.00), Christopher Savage (1 run, undismised), Alexander Perry (1 run @ 1.00), Venkata Prabhat Sandugula (1 runs @ 1.00).

Bowling

Patrick Lindsay	195	38	550	36	2	15.28	2.81	7/42
Shivam Vohra	123	14	410	26	2	15.77	3.32	5/28
Ravi Adabala	117	23	345	19	2	18.16	2.94	8/54
Travis McKenna	45	5	150	13	1	11.54	3.35	7/65
Christopher Savage	37	3	131	11	-	11.91	3.54	4/20
Shashank Rangaraj Chari	40	2	107	10	1	10.70	2.68	5/21
Matthew Cole	51	9	151	8	-	18.88	2.94	3/34
Karan Sharma	56	3	216	7	-	30.86	3.85	2/11
Dhruv Sakkarwal	18	2	78	5	-	15.60	4.33	3/17
Toby Hannan	26	2	102	5	-	20.40	3.92	3/50
Daivik Sahni	27	2	113	4	-	28.25	4.19	3/36
Eesa Omar	37	6	115	4	-	28.75	3.11	1/8

Also bowled: Luke Austin (3 wickets for 78 runs), Angus Miller (3 wickets for 98 runs), Amodh Sriram (3 wickets for 127 runs), Jonathon Feilen (2 wickets for 16 runs), Henry Lester (2 wickets for 36 runs), Lachlan Barber (2 wickets for 97 runs), Naman Batish (2 wickets for 102 runs), Sayaan Chowdhury (1 wicket for 16 runs), Matt O'Donnell (1 wicket for 57 runs), Kaustav Karan (0 wickets for 4 runs).



Poidevin-Gray Shield Report

Patrick Lindsay

The 2023/24 UTS North Sydney Poidevin-Gray Shield campaign was a historic one with the young Bears winning it all taking out the shield in a famous win vs Northern District at Allan Border Oval.



The structure of the competition was altered by the SCA from the previous two 50-over matches and four T20 fixtures to five 50-over matches. The Bears entered the season confidently with a side stacked with representative players, albeit younger players with U20 Nihal Desai being the elder statesman of the team. This confidence was well placed after they clinically disposed of the NSW Country U19 squad in a trial match at Tunks Park.



Round 1 saw the Bears travel to Waverley Oval to play Easts. As became custom, the Bears bowled first seeking to utilise their dangerous fast bowlers (Hedges, Sherriff, Reynolds and Fergusson) before deploying the spinners (Oxenham, Desai and Gardner) in the middle overs. The plan worked adequately with

Easts bowled out for 211 in 48 overs with Addison Sherriff the pick of the bowlers with 3/24 off 9 overs.

In response James Moore (34) and Addison Sherriff (50) batted with aplomb after the loss of two early wickets. Hamish Reynolds then showed his class with 65 off 68 and the Bears wrapped up the chase with 2.5 overs to go at 6/212.

In Round 2 the Bears were on the road again, this time travelling to Hurstville Oval to clash with the Saints. This match followed a familiar to pattern to Round 1. The Bears bowled first, restricted St George to 175 off 43.2 overs and then chased it home comfortably for the loss of 2 wickets. The wickets were spread amongst the 7 bowling options at the disposal of skipper Hedges, and Moore (68*) and Sherriff (69*) steered the chase maturely.



The Bears were home in Round 3 vs UNSW, and for the third time on the bounce they were asked to bowl first. It should come as no surprise that this potent Bears attack was too much for the Bumblebees restricting them to 182 off 45 overs. Skipper Hedges was the pick of the bowlers with 4/27 off 8 overs. The Bears ran the chase down easily in 28.3 overs for the loss of 4 wickets, claiming the bonus point. Netto (33), Moore (41), Sherriff (34*) and Reynolds (48 off 35) were the key contributors with the bat.

The Bears won the toss in Round 4 vs Manly and elected to field and the formula continued to work a treat with the Bears bundling out Manly for 202 in the last over with wickets spread around. Addison Sherriff was the pick of the bowlers with 3/30 off his 10 overs with all 3 wickets clean bowled to total seeds. Unfortunately, the Bears misfired in the chase, with some complacency creeping into some of the shot making. Would this be the loss the young Bears would have to have? Only time would tell.



Tunks Park was the scene for the Round 5 clash vs Randwick Petersham. The Bears knew a win would likely guarantee them a home final and they came out firing in a rain affected start reducing RPs to 3/18 early. RPs recovered to 3-70 before a brilliant Fergus Fergusson direct hit removed the dangerous Coady. When Gardner dismissed the set Egan for 50 off a rank long hop, the Bears sensed it would be their day and they duly rolled Petes for 151 in the 45th over.

The chase wasn't all smooth sailing with some cavalier strokeplay reducing the Bears to 4/96, however Addison Sherriff (50*) played an extremely mature innings to anchor the chase and see the Bears home in the 36th over with the loss of 5 wickets. The Bears were finals bound!

The Conference Semi Final saw the young Bears pitted against local rivals Gordon at North Sydney Oval.

Gordon won the toss and elected to bat, which the Bears were more than happy to oblige.

Gordon got off to a decent start at 2/84 before the Bears spinners took hold of the contest. Oxenham had Kennedy stumped, Gardner bowled McLean and Oxenham sharply ran out Booth and the match was changed – Gordon now 5/90. The spinners ended up sharing 6 wickets between them with Oxenham the pick with 3/22 off 8.3. Fergus Fergusson was the top seamer with 3/36 off his 10 overs as the Stags were dismissed for 175 in the 47th over.



The Bears chase got off to a hot start with Harrison Allomes (20 off 11) starting brightly. However, the middle order didn't fire and we were in trouble at 5/104, although run rate was not an issue. Skipper Hedges (38 off 38) and debutant Dylan Johnson (39* off 43) played a gem of a partnership, delivering the Bears the victory in the 33rd over. Both men played with maturity, running hard between the wickets and punishing the loose ball. It was especially pleasing to see Third Grader Johnson play so confidently against regular First Graders Cook and Toohey in the Gordon attack.



Unfortunately for Johnson, the returning Netto took his place in the Conference Final vs Randwick Petersham at North Sydney Oval. Again, the Bears were asked to field first (for the 7th time this season!). And again, the Bears bowlers delivered, ripping through the Petes top order and reducing them to 5/26. Reynolds and Fergusson took 2 each with Sherriff jaggging one pole. Coady, who batted well against the Bears in the Round 5 clash, took up the fight with a counter-punching 91, but he was ultimately dismissed by Harry Gardner, caught Oxenham, with the score on 7/149. RPs continued to compete bravely, batting out their 50 overs and ending 9/207.



This commanding win would mean the Bears would take part in their first Poidevin-Gray Shield final since the 2020-21 season in attempt to win the shield for the first time since 1984-85 season! Our opponents would be the class of the Thunder Conference – Northern District, who boasted a number of current and former Aus-19 representatives. Unfortunately, North Sydney Oval was unavailable, but Allan Border Oval in nearby Mosman hosted the Grand Final.



A respectable crowd was in place to watch the Bears' chase and they were treated to one of the better innings from a North Sydney player in recent memory. Troubled by a sore back, Englishman Ollie Sykes threw caution to the wind with a whirlwind 79 off 42 balls that included 5 fours and 9 sixes. All told, 74 of his 79 runs came from boundaries!! Sykes was dismissed with the score on 3/118 and, following this, the Bears lost Sherriff and Reynolds to be in a spot of bother at 5/40 albeit only needing 2.4 an over due to Sykes' earlier blitzkrieg. Netto (37 off 29) repaid the faith of the selectors, partnering with skipper Hedges (33) for a crucial 62 run stand for the 6th wicket that saw the Bears to safety in the 32nd over.

Amazingly, the Bears again bowled first – the 8th time in succession and clearly now a lucky charm, with NDs skipper Shaw electing to bat. Fergusson got his obligatory early wicket, dismissing Hook for 7, caught behind by Moore. Tunks and Shaw looked dangerous advancing the score to 1/65 in the 15th over, before Desai landed the killer blow in the fixture, with an expertly landed wrong-un, fooling Shaw. He was stumped cleanly by Moore for a run-a-ball 38.



Desai then removed Australia under 19 representative Miller (fresh off a brilliant ton in First Grade vs the Bears) with another wrong-un, this time a brilliant caught and bowled for 13. This brought the dangerous Crayn to the crease, who looked like he could take the game away until he was undone by Gardner, caught safely on the boundary by Johnson. Johnson was back in the side for the unlucky Hamish Reynolds, who missed due to injury.

From here it was the Harry Gardner show as he ripped NDs apart with a match winning 6/26 off 9 overs. He had the set batsman Tunks (51) caught in the deep (again by Johnson), skittled overseas pro Baker, fooled White in the flight to be caught off a leading edge by Hedges, and then had Apps and Anderson caught in the deep by Desai and Johnson (his third catch). This spell would see him awarded the Shane Lee Medal for Player of the Match. Fergusson then bumped out Fullagar and the Bears had dismissed the much-vaunted Rangers batting line up for an under par 196.



Having successfully chased down six totals during the season, the Bears were confident of completing the task and delivering the club its first silverware since the 2020/21 5th Grade Premiership.

In an innings similar to his display vs Randwick in the Conference Final, Ollie Sykes was belligerent as he took apart the NDs attack. He scored 60 off 42 balls

pasting 8 fours and 3 maximums as he got the Bears off to the perfect start. When he was dismissed in the 17th over the score was 2/88 and run rate was a very manageable 3.2 an over.



Sykes had set the platform for the Bears middle order and they didn't disappoint, chasing the total down in the 38th over for the loss of 3 wickets. Addison Sherriff (32* off 52) and Jordan Netto (66* off 71) batted superbly for the fourth wicket, putting on 105. Sherriff played maturely as always, hitting the gaps and rotating the strike. Netto was outstanding versus his old club, with his stroke-making all around the ground the highlight. He was particularly harsh against spin and never gave NDs a chance.



It was fitting that the Bears won the Premiership with such a clinical display against such quality opposition. It was a truly dominant display of limited overs cricket. Credit must go to coach, John Saint, and his assistant, Tim Reynolds, who facilitated a

style of cricket that suited the group and fostered a positive dressing room. Jamieson Hedges skippered the team with maturity and played two critical innings in the conference semi and final. His calm leadership was crucial to the team's success.

Addison Sherriff, who is still an U18 player, was the player of the season with 310 runs at 77.5 and 9 wickets at 23. He was also the leading run scorer. Addison's batting in the middle order often steered the team home to victory with his calm temperament critical. He also chimed in with crucial wickets when require by his skipper. Harry Gardner was the leading wicket taker with 14 poles at 11.36 highlighted by his match winning performance in the Grand Final. Fergusson (12 @ 18.17), Reynolds (10 @ 23.6), Oxenham (10 @ 24.1), Hedges (9 @ 15.78) and Desai (9 @ 24.78) all chipped in with vital wickets.



Special mention must also go to Ollie Sykes for his two match winning knocks in the Conference Final and Grand Final. Both innings showcased his immense ball striking talent, which has been topped off by him being recently awarded a contract with Surrey. Moore (271 @ 38.71), Netto (160 @ 40.00), Reynolds (160 @ 26.67) and Hedges (124 @ 31.00) all made telling contributions with the bat during the season.



Premierships are not easy to win. Indeed, this one broke a 38-year drought. Congratulations must go to the players and coaches on climbing the mountain and delivering premiership success to the club!



Poidevin-Gray Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Addison Sherriff	8	8	4	310	3	-	69*	77.50	2
James Moore	8	8	1	271	1	-	68*	38.71	13/4
Ollie Sykes	8	8	-	208	2	-	79	26.00	3
Jordan Netto	6	6	2	160	1	-	66*	40.00	2
Hamish Reynolds	7	6	-	160	1	-	65	26.67	7
Jamieson Hedges	8	6	2	124	-	-	38	31.00	2
Harrison Allomes	7	7	-	91	-	-	26	13.00	3
Dylan Johnson	2	1	1	39	-	-	39*	-	3
Fergus Fergusson	8	3	2	18	-	-	9	18.00	2
Harry Gardner	7	1	1	5	-	-	5*	-	-
Nihal Desai	8	3	2	4	-	-	4*	4.00	4
Everett Oxenham	8	1	-	2	-	-	2	2.00	3
Kai Brunker	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1

Bowling

	.	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Harry Gardner	47	5	159	14	1	11.36	3.38	6/26
Fergus Fergusson	51	2	218	12	-	18.17	4.29	3/33
Hamish Reynolds	56	6	236	10	-	23.60	4.21	2/24
Everett Oxenham	71	5	241	10	-	24.10	3.39	3/22
Jamieson Hedges	34	3	142	9	-	15.78	4.18	4/27
Addison Sherriff	53	2	207	9	-	23.00	3.91	3/30
Nihal Desai	55	2	223	9	-	24.78	4.05	2/43
Kai Brunker	7	-	35	1	-	35.00	5.00	1/35



Brewer Shield Report

Sharon Julien

The Brewers team was amazing, always bringing 100% effort and supporting each other every step of the way. We gelled so well as a team, creating a strong bond both on and off the field. It was an incredible season, and our hard work and teamwork paid off by making it to the semi-finals. This season was truly special, showing the strength and unity of our team.



A big thank you to our coach Julien, for spending so much time planning our practices and strategies for games. We couldn't have achieved this success without his guidance and encouragement all season long. A big thank you to Michelle our head coach, our team manager Mark and the parents who helped us with scoring, driving to games, and supporting us all the time. Special thanks to the UTS North Sydney Committee along with Rob Lavery and Sarah Berman for everything they do for women's Cricket, including getting us a game at North Sydney Oval. Overall, a wonderful season with so many memories to cherish for life.



Here is a tribute to our fabulous squad!

Aurora Mavros

Aurora captained the side this season, showcasing her talents as a top-order batter and a fast bowler who takes important wickets with her speed. Her ability to stay in during crucial times consistently ensured the team's stability. Aurora always puts her team's success first, offering constant support and encouragement. Her cheerful demeanour uplifted the team both on and off the field. Aurora also played a key role in helping the Second Grade team win their Premierships. Her contributions make her a superb leader and essential teammate, embodying the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship.



Cassie Watson

Cassie is a happy presence who brightens any room, always making others smile with her laughter and kindness. As a key top-order batter, she played a key role in the team's success, and played 3 matches for Second Grade as well as being a mainstay of the Brewers side. Cassie is dedicated to improving her batting and bowling skills. Her presence lifts everyone's spirits, making her a great teammate and a cherished friend.

Eki Kaur Sidhu

Eki is a talented cricketer and was the team's main wicketkeeper for the season. As a solid middle-order batter, she is very valuable in tight batting situations. Her skills as a keeper are excellent, always taking good catches and stumpings. Off the field, Eki is calm, mature, and funny, making her great to be around.

Her contributions on and off the field make her an important and loved team member.



Elsbeth Herbert

Elsbeth is an excellent wicketkeeper, consistently performing her role behind the stumps. Off the field, she is very kind and mature, always looking out for her teammates. Her supportive nature makes her a cherished member of the team. Elsbeth's positive attitude and caring personality creates a welcoming and encouraging environment for everyone.



Georgia McDonald

Georgia is a key opening bowler with amazing outswingers that get important wickets and leave batters in awe. She's also an outstanding fielder, diving and catching with skill. Georgia is sweet, caring, and mature, always supporting her teammates and playing several matches for Second Grade as well. She is a good learner, always open to trying new things. Her kind and friendly nature makes everyone love her.

Isabel Selems

Isabel is a captivating player who excels on the field with both her bowling and batting skills. She always manages to take important wickets, showing her determination and skill. In the field, Isabel fearlessly dives to make great catches. As a top-order batter, she consistently scores runs when her team needs them most, showing her reliability. Off the field, Isabel is funny and carefree, bringing laughter to everyone around her. She's always looking to improve her game, making her a great teammate.

Janani Vijaya Raghavan

Janani is a talented cricketer who couldn't play many games this season as she was too young and required dispensation. Despite this, she always made an effort to show supports to her team at every game, both cheering them on and carrying drinks. Janani's dedication and potential in cricket show she's eager to contribute and improve, making her a valuable part of the team.

Lara Jenns

Lara, despite not playing many games due to a back injury, has always made an effort to support the team. Her presence at matches and trainings, offering encouragement and cheering on her teammates, has been valuable. Lara's dedication and positive attitude show her strong commitment to the team, making her a cherished member even when she couldn't play.



Maddy Paynter

Maddy is a good cricketer and an excellent teammate. She always gives her all on the field, putting in maximum effort in every game. Off the field, Maddy is funny and confident, bringing energy and laughter to the team. Her dedication and positive attitude make her a valued player and a joy to be around.

Marnie Flett

Marnie, although she only played a limited number of games for the Bears last season, is still a promising cricketer. She always makes an effort to support the team and does so with a smile on her face. Marnie's positive attitude and dedication to her teammates make her a valued and encouraging presence, both on and off the field. Her potential and cheerful spirit shine through, promising a bright future in cricket.

Miki Jenkins

Miki is a solid batter and a consistent bowler, making her a key player on the team. She is kind and selfless, always putting the team first. Miki showed her dedication when she stepped in as a backup wicketkeeper during an important game. Her reliable performance and supportive nature make her a valuable asset both on and off the field.



Phoebe Hancock

Phoebe is a good cricketer and an impressive inswing bowler. She always puts in 100% effort in fielding, making sure to give her best in every game. Phoebe

is known for her constant smile, which lifts the spirits of her teammates. Her dedication and positive attitude make her a valued and admired member of the team.



Sam Kuncham

Sam is a standout player, excelling as one of the top batters in the team and ranking among the top five in the competition overall. She was also recognised as the team's Player of the Year, due to her exceptional performances with both bat and ball. Sam consistently scores well, impressing everyone with powerful hits and graceful cover drives. In addition, her accurate outswing bowling consistently troubles opponents, bringing strategic value to the team and earning her a hat-trick against Sydney University. Sam's strong dedication and versatile contributions make her a reliable asset in every aspect of the game, leaving a lasting impression with her talent and determination.

Sam Williams

Sam is a very talented player who excelled this season as a top-order batter, showing great dedication and skill as well as strong technique and smart shot choices. With the ball, Sam bowls fast and accurately, impressing everyone. Sam is always trying to get better, showing how much she loves the sport by working hard. Besides her own goals, Sam is a great teammate, always helping and encouraging others. Her friendly personality and support make her loved by everyone in the team.



Saskia Gibson

Saskia shows great potential as a cricketer despite being young and not getting dispensation to play many games. Although every time she played, Saskia makes a meaningful contribution. Her teammates value her friendly and supportive nature, enjoying her company on and off the field. Saskia's dedication to cricket and her ability to make a positive difference in games show how committed she is. Saskia is admired for both her skills and her positive attitude and makes a significant value to the team



Sharon Julien

Sharon is an outstanding cricketer known for her skill in both batting and bowling and as vice-captain, she has stepped in to help captain in numerous games. As a key top-order batter, she consistently scored important runs for her team including the first ever

hundred for our Brewer program against Sydney University. Her ability as a leg spinner is also impressive, often taking crucial wickets, especially against key opponents. Off the field, Sharon's kind and calm personality makes her a joy to be around, always supporting and encouraging her teammates, making her a valuable asset on and off the cricket field.



Varada Vinay

Varada is a highly talented cricketer known for her skills as a key top-order batter and one of the main spinners in the team. In every game, she reliably takes wickets and ranked this season among the top three bowlers in the entire Brewers competition. Off the field, Varada's lively and cheerful personality lights up the air, bringing joy and laughter to everyone around her. Her ability to bring a smile to others underscores her positive impact both on and off the cricket pitch, making her a beloved teammate and friend.



Brewer Shield Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Sameeksha Kuncham	14	14	4	422	3	-	77*	42.20	3
Samantha Williams	14	13	5	252	1	-	52	31.50	10
Sharon N Julien	15	10	-	215	-	1	107	21.50	2
Aurora Mavros	10	9	2	157	-	-	40	22.43	11
Isabel Selems	14	11	4	126	-	-	37*	18.00	3
Varada Vinay	12	10	1	78	-	-	20	8.67	-
Cassandra Watson	11	7	-	67	-	-	32	9.57	1
Janani Vijaya Raghavan	7	5	2	39	-	-	24*	13.00	1
Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu	13	5	-	35	-	-	33	7.00	7/2
Mikaela Jenkins	11	3	2	23	-	-	22*	23.00	3
Eva Jenns	4	4	-	20	-	-	13	5.00	-
Saskia Gibson	6	5	1	20	-	-	7	5.00	2
Elsbeth Herbert	11	3	2	17	-	-	14	17.00	3/1
Georgia MacDonald	9	3	-	8	-	-	5	2.67	2
Phoebe Hancock	11	6	3	6	-	-	4	2.00	2
Madeleine Paynter	9	4	-	3	-	-	2	0.75	1
Marnie Flett	2	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

Bowling

		Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Varada Vinay	64	8	185	23	-	8.04	2.90	4/38
Sameeksha Kuncham	69	6	242	20	-	12.10	3.50	4/9
Sharon N Julien	77	9	293	19	-	15.42	3.81	4/25
Samantha Williams	45	1	161	12	-	13.42	3.59	2/15
Georgia MacDonald	39	6	119	10	-	11.90	3.05	3/8
Isabel Selems	33	1	135	6	-	22.50	4.09	2/2
Aurora Mavros	42	10	105	5	-	21.00	2.50	2/14
Mikaela Jenkins	19	1	109	5	-	21.80	5.74	3/16
Saskia Gibson	4	2	15	3	-	5.00	3.21	2/1
Marnie Flett	5	1	11	2	-	5.50	2.20	2/7
Madeleine Paynter	5	-	30	2	-	15.00	6.00	2/9
Cassandra Watson	3	-	16	-	-	-	5.33	0/6
Phoebe Hancock	6	-	28	-	-	-	4.67	0/3
Janani Vijaya Raghavan	9	3	32	-	-	-	3.56	0/2

AW Green Shield Report

Patrick Lindsay

Season 2023/24 saw a number of players return from the prior season to push hard for the Green Shield Premiership. The side was coached by Tim Reynolds who stepped up from the Assistant Coach role in the prior year and he was ably assisted by his brother, Hamish. Jack Mannix would skipper this side from behind the stumps and Jonah Rheinberger (Newcastle City) and Sam Harwood (Hilltop Villages CC) joined the squad as the two country players.



Round 1 saw the Bears travel to Pratten Park to clash with Wests. Skipper Mannix won the toss and asked Wests to bat and it was an inspired decision as the Bears restricted the Magpies to 178. Lachlan Barber was the pick of the bowlers with 3/23 off his 10 overs. It could have been better for the Bears with Wests 9/133, however the tail wagged.



Naman Batish and Liam McCarthy got the Bears off to a solid start, however a mini collapse had the Greenies in some bother at 3/53. Batish (66) played a solid innings at the top, anchoring the innings and showing some grit and determination. He was well supported by Harwood (28) and then a partnership between Rheinberger (22*) and Sharma (23*) sealed the deal with 4 overs to spare.



Unfortunately, Round 2 vs Bankstown was abandoned without a ball being bowled and in Round 3 Greenies hosted Penrith in a rain-affected match at Tunks. The match ended up as a 26 over affair and Penrith won the toss and batted first. The Panthers showed some dash to score 9/131 off their 26 overs. Barber (3/18 off 6) was again the pick of the Bears bowlers.



So, the Bears would need 5 an over at a heavy Tunks track – no easy feat. We got off to an excellent start

courtesy of Batish (22) and McCarthy (27) to be 0-47 in the 10th over before McCarthy fell. Mannix batted brilliantly for his 26 a nearly a run a ball, and at 2/90 with 7 overs remaining, the Bears were cruising. However, the wheels fell off in the 19th over, as we lost 3 wickets all to skied shots. Luke Austin (26* off 23) batted bravely, however losing wickets in clumps is always a major issue in shortened matches and the Bears fell just short at 8/129 off our 26.

Greenies needed to Bounce back in Round 4 and they did just that vs St George at Bon Andrews. The Saints won the toss and batted and the Bear cubs did well to restrict St George to 220 all out off 49 overs which was just below par. Lachie Barber was again the pick of the bowlers with 2/37 off 10 and Amodh Sriram each chipped in with 2 crucial wickets as well. Darcy Feilen was electric in the field with 2 run outs.



Chasing again, the Bears got off to a shocking start, losing Batish on the first ball of the innings. Mannix batted well for his 47, but wickets fell regularly and, when Austin was dismissed with the score on 7/141 in the 38th over, it seemed a bridge too far. However, Feilen (51 off 44) and Hannan (36* off 38) would not be denied and it was Hannan who hit the winning runs with 3 balls remaining, much to the delight of the crowd (who had arrived at Bon Andrews after the conclusion of the First Grade match at NSO). It was an amazing fightback from these resilient Bears cubs.



Campbelltown at Raby were next and again the Bears would bowl first, and boy did they inflict some damage - bundling the Ghosts out for 75 in the 31st over. It was the seamers' day with Jack Quinane the pick of the bowlers with 4/12 off 6. His prodigious swing was too much for the Ghosts bowlers. Austin (2/13) and Hannan (2/7) were also prominent. The chase wasn't all smooth sailing on a wicket offering plenty for the bowlers with the Bear cubs slumping to 4-33. However, a combination of wayward Ghosts bowling (24 sundries) and Karan Sharma's dogged 11* saw us over the line in the 23rd over with a bonus point.



Unfortunately, an overnight downpour had Tunks underwater in Round 6. This was particularly unfortunate as the rest of the competition got on and played Round 6, meaning the Bears had to win in stifling conditions at Weldon Oval versus Manly.

Alas, Manly proved their class, dominating this fixture as they went on to ultimately win the competition vs Parramatta in the final. In the end, the Bears finished 10th with 3 wins and 2 losses and 2 washouts. The collapse vs Penrith and the Round 6 washout were critical moments in our failure to make finals.



Jack Mannix won Player of the Year as leading run scorer with 117 at 23.4. He also took 9 catches and 2 stumping and was excellent as skipper. Lachlan Barber was outstanding with his off breaks with 10 wickets at 11.8. Lachy has a big future in the game and was unlucky that he only really had 3 games where he could get into a full spell. Luke Austin (9 @

15.11) also showed plenty of promise with his seamers.



Credit must go to the coaches, Tim and Hamish Reynolds, who fostered a team first culture where the boys enjoyed their cricket and each other's company. A huge thanks must also go to Duncan Barber for managing the side with aplomb for the second year running. Thanks also to the army of parents who assisted with the canteen and for also ferrying your children to the many training sessions and games all over Sydney.



AW Green Shield Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Jack Mannix	6	5	-	117	-	-	46	23.40	9/2
Sam Harwood	6	5	-	104	-	-	45	20.80	9
Naman Batish	6	4	-	98	1	-	66	24.50	1
Jonah Rheinberger	6	5	1	79	-	-	28	19.75	4
Darcy Feilen	4	3	-	63	1	-	51	21.00	-
Karan Sharma	6	5	2	47	-	-	23*	15.67	-
Liam McCarthy	3	2	-	40	-	-	27	20.00	1
Toby Hannan	6	2	1	36	-	-	36*	36.00	3
Luke Austin	6	4	2	33	-	-	26*	16.50	2
Hamilton Seoung	6	5	-	21	-	-	14	4.20	-
Lachlan Barber	6	3	1	9	-	-	8*	4.50	-
Amodh Sriram	6	1	1	1	-	-	1*	-	1
Jack Quinane	6	1	-	1	-	-	1	1.00	-

Bowling

	.	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Lachlan Barber	40	5	118	10	-	11.80	2.91	3/18
Luke Austin	35	3	136	9	-	15.11	3.87	3/21
Toby Hannan	20	2	105	8	-	13.13	5.25	3/38
Jack Quinane	24	5	69	7	-	9.86	2.84	4/12
Amodh Sriram	24	2	109	4	-	27.25	4.54	2/22
Karan Sharma	27	1	130	2	-	65.00	4.81	1/21
Naman Batish	2	-	9	1	-	9.00	4.50	1/9
Sam Harwood	9	1	42	1	-	42.00	4.67	1/12
Jonah Rheinberger	19	-	95	-	-	-	5.00	0/0



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

Men's 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: 392, AV Mavros, 2023/24
Batting Average: 38.83, G Keating, 2021/22
Highest Score: 105*, G Keating, 2021/22
Bowling Aggregate: 29, S Mavros, 2023/24
Bowling Average: 10.11, E Jenns, 2023/24

Men's 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

Batting Aggregate: 376, B Robson, 2022/23
Batting Average: 62.66, B Robson, 2022/23
Highest Score: 95*, K Robson, 2023/24
Bowling Aggregate: 15, E McKay, 2022/23
Bowling Average: 4.50, A Dongre, 2019/20

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: 843, SY Julien, 2022/23
Batting Average: 60.21, SY Julien, 2022/23
Highest Score: 107, SN Julien, 2023/24
Bowling Aggregate: 29, SY Julien, 2022/23
Bowling Average: 8.04, V Vinay, 2023/24

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

Men's 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

Men's 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

Men's 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

Men's 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

Men's 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

Brewer Shield

G Keating, 2020/21
S Kuncham, 2023/24

200 First Grade Wickets for the Club

654 – V Emery	263 – G Aitken*
423 – K Spring	261 – B White
408 – R Aitken*	260 – G Spring
389 – R Shelton	258 – R Eaton
384 – A Hopkins	258 – S Taylor
340 – J Callaghan	243 – G Sullivan
323 – J Campbell*	234 – T Wooster
303 – S Weisener	230 – C Hill
290 – M Burton	209 – J Peterson
278 – S Hogue	204 – B Long

** denotes current player*

4,000 First Grade Runs for the Club

9,075 – A Punch	5,355 – D Taylor
8,477 – R Aitken*	4,978 – J Lawes
7,571 – J Brian	4,877 – S Rodgie
7,232 – N Taylor	4,762 – T Jagot
6,562 – J Aitken*	4,735 – N Y Deane
6,328 – R Donovan	4,569 – P Marks
6,093 – J King	4,513 – K Gilkes
6,059 – S Hookey	4,356 – D Johnston
6,420 – J Avendano*	4,096 – A Jesson
5,809 – G Spring	4,073 – V Emery
5,515 – A Hopkins	

First Grade Partnership Records

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

Australian Test Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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

Sheffield Shield Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

A Anderson	S Barnes	G Beard	N Bills	A Bird
P Bowler	D Bradman	W Brown	P Cantrell	W Catchlove
R Chapman	T Chappell	P Charlton	G Clarke	R Collins
A Crosthwaite	F Cummins	G Davies	R Duff	V Emery
K Geyer	F Gilmore	F Goodman	J Gregory	R Hickson
R Hartigan	C Hill	S Hills	A Hopkins	S Hookey

Dr H Hordern
F Johnson
E Long
P Marks
G Moore
N Phillips
S Redgrave
K Walters

G Horsfield
D Johnston
J Lush
K Miller
F Nolan
L Poidevin
P Shea
H Whiddon

D Hughes
T Johnston
C Macartney
L Minnett
K O'Keeffe
H Pratten
B Shepherd
E White

F Iredale
J Krejza
S McCabe
R Minnett
W O'Reilly
A Punch
G Spring
A Wyatt

R Jeffrey
J Lenton
S MacGill
F McElphone
R Osborne
K Quist
E Waddy

BBL Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

J Avendano
J Lenton

A Crosthwaite
N Bills

D Hughes
L Pope

S Keen

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