

# UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club



## 2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT







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# Distinguished Members & Office Bearers

## Executive Committee

A Perrott (President), P Lindsay (Senior VP), S Berman (Secretary), C Herbert (Assistant Secretary), A Wayling (Treasurer), A Macgill (Assistant Treasurer), M Lloyd, K Campbell, C Hill, B Robson, J Greenslade, C Blackwell, D Quartey

## SCA Delegates

A Perrott, P Lindsay, S Berman

## Cricket NSW Delegate

A Perrott

## Life Member of SCA

B White

## Life Members

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

## 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 there were two changes to the Executive with Ash Perrott replacing Patrick Lindsay as President and Alex MacGill replacing Michael Lloyd as Assistant Treasurer. We welcomed Bernadette Robson, Chloe Blackwell, Callum Hill and Jimmy Greenslade to the committee and farewelled Simon Jagot, Evy McKay and Anushka Dongre. We thank Simon, Evy and Anushka for their service.

During the year Rob Lavery resigned from his role of Vice President and from the Committee. Rob is a former President and a Life Member of the Club. He had a profound impact on the modern history of the Club and the Committee thanks him for his leadership, passion and commitment to the club.

The club continue 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**

Ash Perrott – 100%  
Patrick Lindsay – 100%  
Sarah Berman – 100%  
Adam Wayling – 88%  
Cameron Herbert – 100%  
Alex MacGill – 100%  
Michael Lloyd – 75%  
Callum Hill – 50%  
Bernadette Robson – 63%  
Kathy Campbell – 88%  
Jimmy Greenslade – 88%  
Chloe Blackwell – 100%  
Dale Quartey – 75%

# President's Report

**Ash Perrott**

Season 2024/25 was a challenging one for the clubs results overall, but the standout performance was by our Women's 2nd Grade in winning the Premiership, successfully retaining the title after the team's success the prior season. This is an incredible achievement in any sport or competition, and especially so in the increasingly competitive and growing environment within women's cricket. The club also made finals in three other competitions – Men's Third Grade and Poidevin Gray, and Women's Third Grade. Congratulations to everyone involved with these teams on your achievement over the season.

There were also a number of great individual performances across the Club over the season, with numerous centuries and 5 wicket hauls to celebrate. Undoubtedly the standout among those was an incredible 207 not out by Finn Nixon-Tomko in a Men's Second Grade one day game versus Gordon at Bon Andrews Oval, which put him into the club record books as the sixth-highest Second Grade score in the club's history. An incredible achievement given it was a one-day game!

We had a total of 51 players make their debut with the club this season, 38 in men's and 13 in the women's, so that was fantastic to welcome all those new players into our community.

## On the Field

Looking at the men's season overall, it was a generally disappointing year with results across most grades not as we would have liked and a finish of 16<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship. However, as mentioned above, the one exception to this was Third Grade where we

finished fourth in the regular season and then progressed to the semi-finals, only to be thwarted by rain against the eventual Premiers, and unable to push for progression through to the Grand Final. Congratulations to Liam Whitaker who skippered the side with great skill and passion, and the rest of the team on a great effort and campaign. There were some amazing individual highlights towards the end of the season as they stormed up the table and into the finals by winning their last five games, two of them being outright victories.

Our 2023/24 Poidevin Gray Premiership winning team unfortunately bowed out in the quarter finals in their title defence, but again put in some excellent performances over the season.

I want to thank all our grade team captains, Mac Jenkins, Callum Hill, Liam Whitaker, Robin Broom and Alex MacGill for their leadership and efforts over the season. Thanks also to Ryan Sood for all his effort in leading the AW Green Shield team over the season.

Thanks must also go to our men's coaching panel for their effort across the season, led by Nic Bills, and well supported by Angelo Joseph, Liam Whitaker, Tim Reynolds and Dylan Marshall, along with Lachlan Dodd from UTS Sport.

Turning to the women's competitions, as stated above, our Women's 2nd Grade team successfully defended their Premiership title in season 2024/25. This was an outstanding achievement given a number of player changes from the prior season, so congratulations to all the team members. A huge thanks and congratulations to Bella Johnson who led the team, and had an amazing individual contribution across the season, culminating in winning the Bevan Whyte Cricketer of the Year award for the Club. I must also congratulate our Third Grade team on making semi-



finals once again, just falling short of making it to the Grand Final, and thank Bernie Robson for leading the team so well over the year. Thanks also to Varada Vinay who led our U18 Brewer Shield team over the season as they performed well and finished just a couple of wins outside the finals.

A big thanks to everyone involved in our women's program, especially our coaching group of Michelle Gozsko, Rob Aitken and Petar Sredojevic for their dedication at training and on match days to prepare the girls for success.

The opportunity to participate in our wonderful sport would not be possible without the efforts of the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) and Cricket NSW in arranging and managing the respective competitions, and we thank them for their hard work.

### **Partners**

The Bears once again continued the highly valued partnership with UTS this past season. The support from UTS is key to our operating as a successful sporting entity and we thank Sam, Dale, Lachlan and all of the team at UTS Sport.

We also continued our alliance with Roseville District Cricket Club. Our alliance allows us to place young Bears with Roseville to get experience in men's turf cricket in the Shires competition. Thanks to Michael, Mitch, and Rhydd for their ongoing support.

We are fortunate to call North Sydney Oval our home, and to have North Sydney Council as our partner, and we must say thanks to Jordan Magro and all the grounds team who provide us with exceptional facilities every week. Within that team, a special congratulations to Bernie Vince who again won the SCA Lower Grade Ground of the Year for Tunks Park.

I also want to thank Duncan Rennie, Manager Leisure and Aquatics, at the Council for his and his team's support and cooperation over the season.

### **Financial support and sponsorships**

In 2024/25 UTS North Sydney continued its relationships with major sponsor Access Grants, as well as Norths Collective, Kieser Cammeray and Hartford Partners. We also welcomed a new sponsor during the season, People + Culture Strategies on a three-year engagement with the club. These relationships play a pivotal role in maintaining the financial stability of the club. The opportunity for success on the field for our players is not possible without this sponsor support, and we thank them all greatly for their continued generosity.

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

The club has also continued to receive extensive grant support from Cricket NSW, Cricket Australia, and the Australian Cricketers' Association in 2024/25, without which it would not be possible for us to provide an environment that allows our players the opportunity to access quality coaching, equipment and facilities, and we are enormously grateful for that support.

### **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. Our goal is to continue to increase the number of our local juniors that go on to reach selection in the Green Shield and Brewer Shield squads, and ultimately in to Grade

cricket. I would like to thank Karl and all the Committee at our junior club in helping us work towards that goal. I also would like to thank our senior players, Mac Jenkins, Jamieson Hedges, Tim Reynolds, Aiden Thomas and all our coaches who gave our junior players great guidance through midweek training sessions and at games through the season.

## **Volunteers**

The players benefit from being supported by an army of volunteers who have dedicated many hours to supporting their cricketing endeavours, and I thank everyone very much for that support.

Sarah Berman's efforts as Club Secretary, scorer, and in general across both the men's and women's program, are indispensable. Huge credit is also due to our media team, led by Sarah, for their continued excellent work with our socials, to Kathy Campbell and Di Bills for running the best canteen in First

Grade, Gemma-Jayne Ashdown and David Rodgie for their match day assistance, and all the parents and other volunteers across both men's and women's teams. Finally, I would also like to thank all the members of the Committee over the past year who have dedicated their time and energy to all the aspects of running the Club, without which we could not operate. The passion everyone has for wanting to help the Club, and striving to make it better, is amazing.

Everyone coming together with a shared love of cricket, from varied and diverse backgrounds, to form a wonderful community, is what makes it so much more than just a game.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as President of this great club over the past year, and I look forward to the 2025/26 season as we continue to aim to make UTS North Sydney the best club in NSW Premier Cricket.





# End of Season Awards

 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>AW Green Shield Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Kaviru Karunaratne</b></p> <p>239 runs @ 59.75, HS 64, 2 x 50, 1 wicket @ 45.00, BB 1/26</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Brewer Shield Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Varada Vinay</b></p> <p>256 runs @ 23.27, HS 89, 12 wickets @ 17.08, BB 3/26, 6 catches, 3 run outs</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Poidevin-Gray Shield Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Adam Thomas</b></p> <p>240 runs @ 60.00, HS 84, 3 x 50, 3 wickets @ 31.33, BB 2/24, 3 catches</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>
 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Fifth Grade Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Shiv Vohra</b></p> <p>12 wickets @ 10.75, BB 7/53, 126 runs @ 31.50 HS 77, 1 catch</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Fourth Grade Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Ravi Adabala</b></p> <p>12 wickets @ 17.42, BB 3/58, 105 runs @ 17.50, 3 catches</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Women's Third Grade Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Bernadette Robson</b></p> <p>456 runs @ 152.00, 4 x 50, HS 53*, 11 wickets @ 20.82, BB 2/14, 4 catches</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>
 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Doug Cole Third Grade Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Dilraj Singh</b></p> <p>557 runs @ 34.81, 5 x 50, HS 84, 3 catches</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Women's Second Grade Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Bella Johnson</b></p> <p>581 runs @ 48.42, HS 107* 1 x 100, 2 x 50, 22 wickets @ 13.86, BB 5/12, 19 catches, 2 run outs</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>	 <p>Bears Awards 2024/25</p> <p>Frank Punch Second Grade Player of the Year</p> <p><b>Harry Gardner</b></p> <p>26 wickets @ 25.00, BB 6/102 2 x 5-wicket hauls, 110 runs @ 13.75, 2 catches</p> <p>ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People Culture Strategies HARTFORD</p>

Bears Awards 2024/25

Young Clubperson of the Year

# Dylan Johnson

Mature and thoughtful teammate who goes way above and beyond his paid grounds role to support the club

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Bears Awards 2024/25

Clubpeople of the Year

# Tim Reynolds & Chloe Blackwell

Two superb contributors to the Bears on and off the field and outstanding team players

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Bears Awards 2024/25

Access Grants Bradman Medallist

# Mac Jenkins

28 wickets @ 32.50, BB 4/39, 236 runs @ 15.73, HS 67, 7 catches

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Bears Awards 2024/25

Bevyn White Cricketer of the Year


# Bella Johnson

581 runs @ 48.42, HS 107\* 1 x 100, 2 x 50, 22 wickets @ 13.86, BB 5/12, 19 catches, 2 run outs

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# Hundreds (Austin Punch Club) and Five Wicket Hauls (Victor Emery Club)



102 vs. Bankstown Robin Broom

## AUSTIN PUNCH

A special innings - Robin's maiden hundred for the Bears and our first ten of the new season!

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207\* vs. Gordon Finn Nixon-Tomko

## AUSTIN PUNCH

Finn brought up our ninth ever double ton in Second Grade, and our first in one-day cricket!

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140\* vs. Hawkesbury Tim Reynolds

## AUSTIN PUNCH

A tremendous innings - Tim's second First Grade hundred and his highest score for the club!

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105 vs. Parramatta Addison Sherriff

## AUSTIN PUNCH

Addison was the cornerstone of the First Grade innings with his second hundred for the Bears

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107 vs. Sutherland James Moore

## AUSTIN PUNCH

James' maiden First Grade hundred and first ten for the Bears - the first of many!

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120 vs. Sutherland Jimmy Greenslade

## AUSTIN PUNCH

Jimmy's highest score for the Bears and fourth First Grade ten, brought up off 133 balls

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110 vs. Fairfield-Liverpool Adam Thomas

## AUSTIN PUNCH

A phenomenal performance in just Adam's second First Grade innings!

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101 vs. Fairfield-Liverpool Aussie Addison Sherriff

## AUSTIN PUNCH

Addi's third First Grade hundred and second of the season, off 104 balls with 17 boundaries

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112\* vs. Fairfield-Liverpool Tony Cornwell

## AUSTIN PUNCH

A dominant innings off 105 balls with 20 boundaries, to secure first innings points for Third Grade on Day 1

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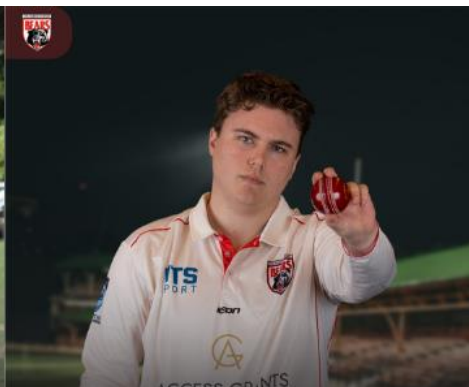


107\* vs. Sydney University      Bella Johnson

# AUSTIN PUNCH

Our highest ever women's score and first women's hundred of the season

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5/51 vs. Eastern Suburbs      Alex MacGill

# VICTOR EMERY

Alex took our first 5-wicket haul of the season on Day 1 against Easts, including 4 of the first 5 wickets to fall

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5/40 vs. Hawkesbury      Junaid Nizamuddin

# VICTOR EMERY

Junaid took his first 5-wicket haul for the club, and spun his way through the Hawkesbury batting line-up

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6/59 vs. UNSW      Shrey Parasania

# VICTOR EMERY

Shrey took his first career 5-wicket haul for the Bears in Third Grade, spinning his way to 6/59 off his 9 overs

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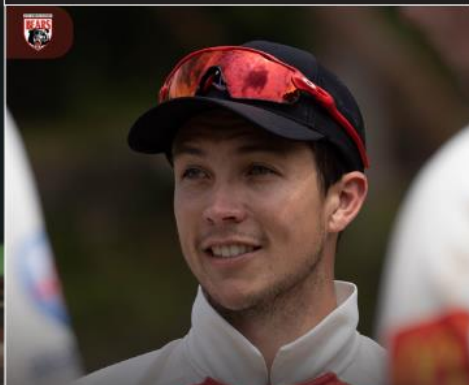


6/102 vs. Mosman      Harry Gardner

# VICTOR EMERY

Harry put in a huge shift in a long day at BISF, taking 6/102 in 28 superb overs to give us a chance at a win

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7/8 vs. Mosman      Liam Whitaker

# VICTOR EMERY

An extraordinary spell of bowling from our Third Grade skipper, taking a hat-trick and 7/8 to dismiss Mosman for 38!

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5/44 vs. Northern District      Liam Whitaker

# VICTOR EMERY

Liam's second successive 5-wicket haul ensured a big win for his Third Grade side

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7/53 vs. Northern District      Shiv Vohra

# VICTOR EMERY

Shiv's fourth 5-wicket haul for the club and best career bowling inspired Fifth Grade to a superb win

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6/70 vs. Manly Warringah      Jamieson Hedges

# VICTOR EMERY

An inspired spell of bowling on Day 2 got us back in the game - and earned Jamieson his maiden First Grade 5-figures

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5/39 vs. Manly Warringah Shrey Parsania

# VICTOR EMERY

Shrey's second five-wicket haul of the season set up a bonus point win for Third Grade

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5/63 vs. Sutherland Harry Gardner

# VICTOR EMERY

Harry's third 5-wicket haul and second of the season ensured Second Grade bowled Sutherland out for 139

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5/39 vs. Sutherland Jamieson Hedges

# VICTOR EMERY

Jamieson's second five-wicket haul in a row ensured First Grade dismissed Sutherland for 161 and a big win

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6/18 vs. Sutherland Lachlan Spencer

# VICTOR EMERY

Lachlan took his maiden Bears 5-wicket haul and 10 for the match to inspire Third Grade to an outright win

UTS SPORT ACCESS GRANTS




7/46 vs. Fairfield-Liverpool Jaden Sequeira

# VICTOR EMERY

When your first five-wicket haul for the club is a 7-46 - a brilliant performance!

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6/23 vs. Fairfield-Liverpool Lachlan Spencer

# VICTOR EMERY

Lachlan's second successive 6-wicket haul downed the Lions for 81 and inspired MQs to another outright

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5/50 vs. Fairfield-Liverpool Liam Whitaker

# VICTOR EMERY

Liam's third five-wicket haul of the season ensured 46 reduced Fairfield to 147

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5/7 vs Greater Hunter Coast Sam Kuncham

# VICTOR EMERY

Sam spearheaded our Women's Second Grade win in Round 4 with an unplayable spell of bowling!

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5/17 vs. Sydney University Varada Vinay


# VICTOR EMERY

Varada took her first 5-wicket haul in Bears colours to inspire Second Grade to a comprehensive win

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Finn Nixon-Tomko made 207\* off 153 balls against Gordon, our record score in a Second Grade one-day match



## Milestones

### **Nic Bills**

200 North Sydney First Grade Wickets

100 North Sydney First Grade Matches

### **Olly Knight**

150 North Sydney First Grade Wickets

### **James Campbell**

200 North Sydney First Grade Matches

### **Tim Reynolds**

100 North Sydney First Grade Matches

5,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

### **Patrick Lindsay**

200 North Sydney Premier Cricket Matches

### **Jamieson Hedges**

2,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

100 North Sydney Premier Cricket wickets

### **Mac Jenkins**

100 North Sydney First Grade Wickets

150 North Sydney Premier Cricket Wickets

**Sam Kuncham, Dylan Johnson,  
Bernadette Robson, Kayla Robson,  
Harri Lee-Young, Dylan Mares,  
James Moore, Addison Sherriff**

1,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

**Ravi Adabala, Harry Gardner,  
Vrushab Kumar, Sam Kuncham,  
Varada Vinay, Liam Whitaker**

50 North Sydney Premier Cricket Wickets

## Representatives

### **Australia U19s**

Addison Sherriff

### **NSW Metro U19s**

Addison Sherriff

Everett Oxenham

James Moore

### **NSW U15 Female State Challenge**

Elsbeth Herbert

Yuhansa Jayakody

Janani Raghavan

### **NSW U14 Male State Challenge**

Rayyan Kazmi

### **NSW Over 40s**

Bernie Robson

Hetti Blackburn

Sarah Gibbons

Anu Raj

Nechaldeep Dhillon

Rina Hore

### **NSW U22 Indoor**

Kayla Robson

### **NSW U18 Indoor**

Kayla Robson

Emily Aitken

### **NSW U16 Indoor**

Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu

## Women's Second Grade Premiership

After a nail-biting semi-final win over Bankstown, the UTS North Sydney Women's Second Grade side returned to their home deck at Tunks Park for Grand Final, ready to take on Parramatta in what would become a commanding display of cricket.



Parramatta won the toss and elected to bat first—much to the Bears' delight. Familiar with the Tunks surface, the home side knew the pitch would give them something to work with in the first hour. And just three balls into the match, Emily Horstead sent off stump on its way, removing Parramatta's opener for a golden duck. From there, it was all UTS North Sydney.



After three tight overs to start, Lavena Rampal struck, dismissing the second opener and sparking a collapse. The pressure mounted quickly, and in the

10th over, Lavena delivered a match-defining moment—taking two wickets in three balls to leave Parramatta reeling at 4/22. Sam Kuncham then joined the party, collecting two wickets of her own and pushing the score to a dire 6/41 for the visitors.

The spinners soon entered the scene and continued the onslaught. Emily Aiken was exceptional, picking up two wickets while conceding just 4 runs in a miserly spell. She was followed immediately by Miki Jenkins, who snagged the 9th wicket to keep the squeeze on. Lavena came back to polish things off in style, finishing with standout figures of 4/10 off 6.3 overs. Parramatta were bowled out for just 69. The bowlers were superb across the board, backed up by sharp and committed fielding.



With just 70 to win, the Bears were full of confidence heading into the lunch break, enjoying a spread kindly provided by the club. Opening the chase were Emily Aiken and Bella Johnson, who got off to a steady start before Emily was dismissed in the 4th over with the score at 1/10. That brought Emily Horstead to the crease, reuniting the dynamic duo of Bella and Emily, who once again showcased their trademark composure and chemistry. Faced with some tricky, slow bowling, boundaries were hard to come by, but the pair remained patient and smart—rotating the



strike, running well between the wickets, and picking off twos and quick singles to keep the scoreboard ticking.



At drinks, North Sydney were in control at 1-48. The tempo lifted after the break, and in the 25th over, it was Emily Horstead who struck the winning runs, sealing a back-to-back premiership for UTS North Sydney! Bella Johnson anchored the innings with a calm and classy 38 not out, while Horstead finished unbeaten on 22. Player of the Match was rightly awarded to Lavena Rampal for her stunning 4-wicket haul in a Grand Final to remember. It was a dominant performance from start to finish, the UTS North Sydney Second Grade women proved once again why they are the benchmark of the competition. Back-to-back champs!

*Emily Horstead*

## Bernie Vince - 20th Lower Grades Ground of the Year Award

When Tunks Park was announced as the Lower Grades Ground of the Year at the recent Sydney Cricket Association 2024-25 Premiers' Dinner, there can't have been anyone in the room who was surprised - because, in a 25-year career, Bernie Vince, the legendary curator of Tunks, has won the award no fewer than 20 times!

Bernie started with North Sydney Council in 2000 at Bon Andrews, where he picked up three Lower Grades Ground of the Year awards, before moving to Tunks after the 2003-04 season. At the ground which has been his home ever since, he's won the award another 17 times and placed second in the other four seasons. Really, Cricket NSW should just name the award after him!



UTS North Sydney is blessed with some of the finest and best-kept grounds in Sydney, thanks to the North Sydney Council team, but Bernie truly goes above and beyond his paid role. On a Tunks matchday, he will not only be the first to arrive, but also the last to leave. We don't need to worry about who will get chairs and tables out or repaint the creases during the innings break, because Bernie will be onto it before anyone else even thinks about it. It's all part of the exemplary service.

Bernie bought into the Bears from the start, and has followed us through many ups and downs, but his love for and loyalty to the club doesn't stop him providing the best possible hospitality to umpires and visiting teams too. It's hard to think of anyone more universally respected across NSW Premier Cricket.

Over 25 years, of course the game and the club have evolved, including more short-form cricket, live streaming and the establishment and growth of our

women's section. Bernie's embraced all of this, and has cheerfully added storing and charging the Frogbox to his long list of weekly tasks! He's been a passionate supporter of our women from inception with one team at the bottom of the table to the powerhouse we are today – a powerhouse which needs more matchdays and more time from Bernie at Tunks.

We were very proud to host the 2024-25 Women's Second Grade Grand Final at Tunks Park and retain the trophy on Bernie's hallowed turf. We couldn't get the smile off his face from the moment the first Parramatta wicket fell!

At the halfway mark in the off-season, all the Bears are looking forward to getting back on the park for 2025/26, and we're sure none more than Bernie. Can't wait to do it all again from September, and who would bet against a 21<sup>st</sup> award?!

*Sarah Berman*





# Robbie Aitken - CNSW Distinguished Service Award

*In March this year, Cricket NSW announced the inaugural winners of its Distinguished Service Awards, honouring 43 volunteers who have made significant contributions to cricket for more than 25 years. One of the 43, and indeed the first on the alphabetical list, was our own Robbie Aitken. In Robbie's case, the award recognises well over 30 years as a player, coach of our women's teams, and advocate of the game amongst everyone he crosses paths with. We are so fortunate that Robbie is a Bear, and congratulate him on this immensely well-deserved award.*

*We share below Robbie's nomination for the award, compiled and submitted by Club Secretary, Sarah Berman.*



Robbie has played First Grade cricket for over 30 years, with his most recent appearance at the top grade a year ago at the age of 48. He is the only player in history to have played over 500 matches at Premier Cricket First Grade level in Australia. He played in the NSW U19 and U21 sides before earning a NSW 2nd XI selection. He has won the Bill O'Reilly Medal for the best player in Sydney Grade Cricket and the Michael Bevan medal for player of the one-day final. He has been a premiership player at the club, played in numerous finals matches, and scored over 11,000 runs and taken over 600 wickets in First

Grade. However, there's a lot more to Robbie than the extraordinary numbers.

What won't turn up in the record books is the grace with which Robbie carries himself in all elements of life at the Bears. There is not a player, volunteer or club supporter Robbie won't chat to. He'll celebrate a ball well bowled in the nets whether it is delivered by a First Grader or the newest of Green Shield players. He will also brightly commentate a well struck drive if you're foolish enough to feed him a straight half-volley. Robbie's humility makes the club environment more pleasant to be around and his wisdom is available to anyone who wants to ask. He has also been an active clubman, helping lead the team when required and going above and beyond to help get the club in the press.

Robbie is always generous with his time. In the last couple of years when no longer being selected regularly for First Grade, Robbie has committed himself fully to playing at Second Grade level, including several matches as captain, and mentoring talented young players coming through that grade.

In recent years, Robbie has also been a key member of the coaching team for our women's squad, of which both his daughters are members. He does this on a voluntary basis, committing time to Wednesday evening training and Sunday matches, on top of his own Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday commitments.



In this role, Robbie has shared his knowledge with many young players, many of whom are playing NSW pathways cricket, and always done so with a smile and imparting the importance of enjoying the game.

Robbie is an extraordinary role model for young cricketers of achievement, longevity and enjoyment of the game. This would be the case just looking at his

immense career on the pitch, but his active giving of his time to anyone he shares a net or pitch with amplifies it several times over.

I can say with confidence there are scores of UTS North Sydney players, male and female, who have been inspired by Robbie to work hard and keep playing the game.

Robbie's humility means he is not overly comfortable with press attention (so perhaps he won't love me for this!), but he has always been willing to be featured in the press when asked, in order to promote the Bears and the game. This applied in particular to when he reached the 500 First Grade appearances milestone, with coverage in the Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian, The Daily Telegraph, the Fox Sports website and the Grade Cricketer podcast

## In Memoriam

### **Evan Miller**

Tragically the club has lost Evan Miller, who passed away aged 37 in early August 2024 after a stint in Prince of Wales Hospital. Evan came to the Bears early in 2005 after finishing school in Port Macquarie and taking part in a NSW Combined High Schools Cricket tour of South Africa.

Evan commenced his grade career in 2s at the tail end of 2004/05 season. Encouraging performances saw him start the following season in 2s as an off-spin bowler and middle order bat. After a career high score of 151, the all-rounder was promoted to 1s, earning cap number 591 and becoming a regular fixture over 5 seasons.



*From L-R: Ash Doolan, Scott Rodgie, Trent Copeland, Daniel Hughes, Evan Miller*

His batting and fielding continued to impress and in 2005/06, at the age of 19, the athletic sportsman scored a century (101\*) at North Sydney Oval when he guided the team to a bonus point win chasing a score of 280 in a 50-over fixture. He became the second 19-year-old batsman from Norths to score a First Grade



century that year after the feat not having been achieved for over 26 years. He went on to score over 1,750 runs in 1s with two centuries and seven 50s.



*Evan with Glenn Aitken*

Evan's other career highlights included a memorable 50-over match against Randy Petes. Norths were in deep trouble at 5/59 and 2 batsmen retired hurt. Evan's standout innings of 82 enabled a total that was still less than par. Usman Khawaja then put Petes in the ascendency before Evan claimed his wicket and finished with 4/32 off his 10 overs to win the game despite the Bears being two bowlers short.

Evan also claimed the wicket of Phil Jacques when he scored 321 against the Bears, falling just short of the SCA record score, and he played in our most recent Second Grade premiership-winning side in 2010/11. Evan loved the club and its people and was a tremendously popular figure on and off the pitch. He worked very hard at his cricket before other commitments took over, with his last appearance for the Bears being in 2011/12.

Evan was a larger-than-life personality (which is hard for someone standing at 196cm tall!) and will be missed by all who played with him.

*David Rodgie*

### **Anthony Dignan**

The club is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of former Bear, Anthony 'Digs' Dignan, following a short battle with illness.

After playing Green Shield with Gordon and then in the top two grades with Manly, Digs was First Grade Cap 536 and a key figure in North Sydney's First Grade side from 1993/94 to 2001/02. Known for his powerful hard-hitting middle-order batting and wicketkeeping, he led with courage and never took a backward step. His teammates won't forget his devastating 160 against Penrith in First Grade at Howell Oval.

Off the field, Digs was a great Bear, well known for his spirit, humour, and fun he brought to the sheds and off the field. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and all who knew him. We will provide funeral details once we have them.

Rest in peace, Digsy.

*Matt White*

### **Paul Robinson**

Paul came from Leicester where he played club cricket and also had a stint in the Central Lancashire League with Oldham in the late 70s. He met Ross Chapman in Leicester in 1977/78 and played with Kevin Davidson in 1980, after which he migrated to Australia and joined NSDCC. Initially, he only knew Ross and Kevin at the club, so the Bears became his only and very important connection in his early years in Australia.

He was Honorary Secretary between 1995 and 1999 alongside his great friend, Bevyn White, as President. Paul remained in Australia, starting his own business and having a family.

# First Grade Report

**Sarah Berman**

As is often the case, the ladder position of 16<sup>th</sup> does not do justice to a young side who went toe-to-toe with perennial performers Northern District and Manly and eventual Grand Finalists Fairfield-Liverpool in the closing stages of the season.

But before I get to the end, I should start at the beginning, with the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup. Historically, T20 has not been the Bears' format, but this season that certainly changed, as we came flying out of the blocks. We opened our account with wins against university rivals Sydney University and then UNSW under lights at North Sydney Oval, burgled one against Blacktown thanks to an amazing 20<sup>th</sup> over from Tim Reynolds (4, nb+6, dot, 6 when we needed 21 to win) and destroyed Wests after James Campbell dismissed Josh Philippe second ball, putting us undefeated, top of the group and full of confidence.



We unfortunately didn't make finals day on home soil after a tough loss to Bankstown, but nonetheless we'd started the season superbly. Mac Jenkins was in red hot form with the ball after 12 poles at 13, and Jimmy Greenslade, Tim Reynolds and James Moore had all shone with the bat.



Our first two rounds in the Belvidere Cup were thrillers, as we lost to Gordon by 5 runs and then squeaked past Penrith by 2 wickets as Jamieson Hedges held his nerve, the see-saw setting the tone for the season to come. The Gordon result was one of several tight losses where things could easily have gone the other way and our ladder position would have looked quite different. A prime example is Round 13 against Northern District, which also doubled as Old Bears' Day with several old faithfuls in the Mollie Dive bar. Set 297 to win, the Bears were 5/166, but Jimmy Greenslade refused to give up and smashed six sixes on his way to 82 before being last man out caught on the rope just 12 short of the target. And the following weekend, Jamieson Hedges put in a phenomenal performance to take 6/70 to come agonisingly close to beating Manly.





Our four wins were the nailbiter against Penrith, a DLS thriller against Sydney where we'd have lost but for a Mac Jenkins wicket with the last ball before the rain came, a tight chase against Mosman iced by Harri Lee-Young after a James Campbell masterclass, and a thrashing of Sutherland inspired by Hedges' second successive five-wicket haul. All of them involved Bears standing up to be counted, and the run of spirited performances after Christmas showed us what this group is capable of.

Individually, there were a number of highlights:

- Tim Reynolds' phenomenal season until his knee gave way in Dubbo, which cemented his standing as a lynchpin of our middle-order, highlighted by 140\* in our 350 against Hawkesbury.
- Jamieson Hedges' breakthrough season in First Grade with 24 wickets at 21 and an extraordinary run in the second half of the season where he was the clear stand-out.

- Another superb season for Addison Sherriff, after his Australia U19s call-up, including hundreds against both Grand Finallists.
- Maiden tons at the top grade for James Moore and Adam Thomas (in only his second First Grade appearance).
- Three 80+ scores from Jimmy Greenslade at the back-end of the season, including an imperious 120 against Sutherland.
- Mac Jenkins' combined 40 wickets across the two competitions, enough to see him take out the Access Grants Bradman Medal for the player of the year for the second successive season.

So, there's plenty to be cheerful about – onwards and upwards for 2025/26!



# First Grade Statistics – One and Two-Day Cricket

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Timothy Reynolds	8	8	2	482	4	1	140*	80.33	-
Addison Sherriff	10	11	-	420	1	2	105	38.18	2
James Moore	11	12	-	401	1	1	107	33.42	10
James Greenslade	10	11	-	381	2	1	120	34.64	3
Mac Jenkins	14	15	-	236	1	-	67	15.73	7
Jamieson Hedges	13	14	3	232	1	-	71*	21.09	5
Harrison Ward	8	8	-	221	2	-	74	27.63	1
Jordan Netto	10	10	-	190	1	-	59	19.00	11/3
Harrison Lee-Young	8	9	2	186	1	-	68	26.57	3
Everett Oxenham	10	10	4	163	-	-	35	27.17	4
Finn Nixon-Tomko	7	8	-	149	1	-	59	18.63	2
Thomas Jagot	6	6	-	142	1	-	54	23.67	1
Adam Thomas	2	2	-	110	-	1	110	55.00	1
Fergus Fergusson	4	4	2	89	-	-	37	44.50	3

**Also batted:** Oliver Knight (47 runs @ 7.83), Callum Hill (44 runs @ 7.33), Nic Bills (33 runs @ 6.6), James Campbell (25 runs @ 12.5), Harry Gardner (13 runs @ 13), Daniel Allsopp (5 runs, undismised)

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Mac Jenkins	241.4	26	910	28	-	32.50	3.77	4/39
Jamieson Hedges	149.4	21	509	24	2	21.21	3.40	6/70
James Campbell	144.5	30	483	18	-	26.83	3.33	3/12
Everett Oxenham	124.1	18	479	9	-	53.22	3.86	4/78
Addison Sherriff	83.0	22	271	8	-	33.88	3.27	3/45
Oliver Knight	69.0	4	352	7	-	50.29	5.10	2/46
Harry Gardner	10.0	1	54	4	-	13.50	5.40	4/54
Nic Bills	41.0	1	227	4	-	56.75	5.54	3/43
Fergus Fergusson	33.0	3	132	3	-	44.00	4.00	2/44
Finn Nixon-Tomko	9.0	1	47	2	-	23.50	5.22	2/22
Daniel Allsopp	3.0	-	17	1	-	17.00	5.67	1/17
Harrison Lee-Young	22.3	2	96	1	-	96.00	4.27	1/60
Harrison Ward	18.1	1	111	1	-	111.00	6.11	1/41
Adam Thomas	4.0	-	24	-	-	-	6.00	0/24



## First Grade Statistics – T20 Cricket

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
James Greenslade	5	5	-	172	2	-	70	34.40	5
Timothy Reynolds	5	5	2	170	2	-	54*	56.67	3
James Moore	5	5	1	164	2	-	74*	41.00	-
Mac Jenkins	5	5	-	145	-	-	44	29.00	2
Jordan Netto	5	5	3	45	-	-	18	22.50	1/1
Callum Hill	3	2	-	34	-	-	29	17.00	1
Nic Bills	5	2	1	28	-	-	19	28.00	1
Jamieson Hedges	5	1	-	12	-	-	12	12.00	4
Everett Oxenham	4	1	1	11	-	-	11*	-	1
Oliver Knight	3	1	-	7	-	-	7	7.00	-
James Campbell	3	1	1	1	-	-	1*	-	2
Harry Gardner	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Mac Jenkins	19.0	-	155	12	-	12.92	8.16	4/32
Nic Bills	19.0	-	151	6	-	25.17	7.95	2/18
James Campbell	10.3	-	54	4	-	13.50	5.14	2/13
Oliver Knight	10.0	1	93	3	-	31.00	9.30	2/36
Everett Oxenham	10.0	-	97	3	-	32.33	9.70	2/23
Jamieson Hedges	17.0	-	132	3	-	44.00	7.76	1/20
Harry Gardner	2.0	-	8	1	-	8.00	4.00	1/8
Harrison Lee-Young	5.0	-	32	1	-	32.00	6.40	1/13
Thomas Hogan	2.0	-	14	-	-	-	7.00	0/14
Fergus Fergusson	2.0	-	25	-	-	-	12.50	0/25

# Men's Second Grade Report

**John Nevell**

Second Grade. If just a couple of games had gone our way. And then a couple more on top of that. We would have been just one or two wins from finals. Makes you think.



Round 1 vs Bankstown. Last year's premiers. The pundits had written us off.

Bankstown's list alone was intimidating, Brockley, Kouventaris, Hara. That's right, all the big names. Some of the greatest Second Graders to ever do it. A clinical bowling performance with poles shared saw them done for 250. At 6 for 220 we were looking pretty comfortable, but a cluster of wickets, Sol and Jack Atkinson required 5 for the last wicket. Barely a word was said.



Jayden - "Gee I'm not really sure how long Sol can last here" - a bold thing to say given he'd just missed a straight one to be skittled for a duck. It came down to the last over when Jack Atkinson smacked him over mid-off for the dub!

Round 2 vs Gordon. They piled on 365. We got pretty close with 345. Ah well. Round 3.

Hang on... I missed something. Glenn Aitken got 22 off 11. Well done, Glenn. Could barely walk.



Ok, round 3. As I said this was against Penrith.

Hang on. Finn. What in the mother cricket went on that day. Let me read you all some numbers. 207 not out off 153 balls. 18 4s and 10 6s. Some of the cleanest ball striking I've ever seen.

Round 3, tough loss to Penrith. Round 4, one of the all-time wins against Eastern Suburbs, including Hilly setting up the game with 84 and a brilliant 4-fa from Robbie until one was smacked back at him with a season ending injury. Should have caught it.





Round 5 against Hawkesbury. Their captain Bilal actually was actually a Bear until the Friday before round 1. He actually got the last laugh as we were Hawkesbury's only win for the season. Sol Balbi got put on report for a couple high shots.

Round 6. UNSW. After debuting in Fourth Grade and scoring a duck, Craig said 'I've seen all I need' and promptly moved him into twos. Good decision. 85 red for Adam Thomas.



First T20 of the season. Western Suburbs. Enter Harri Lee Young, the bombsman. He actually doesn't like that name guys. Says it pigeonholes him. Anyway, the bombsman hit 65 off 45. Sopper and Gards were both brilliant with the ball and got the dub.



Now First Grade were in Dubbo that weekend and Lee-Young's MOTM performance was rewarded with the call up for Sunday, to run waters. That's right, well done Lee-Young, we want you up here big fella, better hop in the car straight from the game as it's a 5-hour drive. Cancel your Sunday plans. And don't worry about bringing your kit. What kind of cruel logic was this. Look, the next few rounds were a bit of a blur. Few losses, a couple of draws. We may have struggled a bit with the bat.



The last round of the season against Fairfield Liverpool. Two-dayer. Won the toss and batted. This did not mean much to Sol and Jaden, who set about warming up with the ball and marking their runups so that they 'weren't in a rush this arvo', thanks boys.

*John Nevell*

*- speech from 2024 Gala Presentation Evening*

## Men's Second Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Finn Nixon-Tomko	6	7	2	392	1	1	207*	78.40	1
Adam Thomas	10	10	2	375	4	-	84*	46.88	6
Jack Feilen	14	14	2	362	1	-	57	30.17	6
Callum Hill	5	6	-	262	3	-	84	43.67	4
Dylan Mares	10	10	-	199	-	-	37	19.90	-
John Nevell	14	15	3	190	-	-	40	15.83	15/2
Robert Aitken	5	5	-	129	1	-	52	25.80	2
Harry Gardner	12	9	1	110	-	-	25	13.75	2
Thomas Jagot	2	2	-	109	1	-	92	54.50	-
Jordan Netto	4	6	1	82	-	-	40	16.40	5/2
Harrison Lee-Young	5	3	-	80	1	-	65	26.67	1
Dylan Johnson	5	4	-	79	-	-	47	19.75	1
Harrison Davis	4	5	-	73	-	-	49	14.60	1
Tony Cornwell	4	4	-	56	-	-	26	14.00	1
Shivam Vohra	1	1	-	54	1	-	54	54.00	-
James Aitken	4	4	-	51	-	-	42	12.75	1
Shrey Parsania	8	6	-	50	-	-	49	8.33	4

**Also batted:** Glenn Aitken (45 runs @ 9), Fergus Fergusson (37 runs @ 12.33), Jaden Sequeira (31 runs @ 7.75), Benjamin Champion (21 runs @ 21), Jack Atkinson (18 runs @ 9), Nic Bills (17 runs @ 5.67), Thomas Geyer (12 runs @ 12), Liam Whitaker (10 runs @ 3.33), Sol Balbi (10 runs @ 2.5), Jamieson Hedges (9 runs @ 9), Ollie Pascall (7 runs @ 7), James Moore (6 runs @ 6), Nuwan Whyte (3 runs, undismised), Robin Broom (2 runs @ 2), Daniel Allsopp (2 runs @ 2), Oliver Knight (2 runs @ 0.67), Christopher Savage (1 run, undismised).



## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Harry Gardner	167.1	20	650	26	2	25.00	3.89	6/102
Sol Balbi	74.0	6	295	18	-	16.39	3.99	4/26
Jaden Sequeira	66.0	12	204	17	1	12.00	3.09	7/46
Robert Aitken	50.3	8	182	9	-	20.22	3.60	4/44
Dylan Mares	26.0	-	140	6	-	23.33	5.38	2/36
Adam Thomas	27.3	4	161	6	-	26.83	5.85	2/41
Daniel Allsopp	51.4	4	234	6	-	39.00	4.53	2/19
Jack Atkinson	56.3	9	292	6	-	48.67	5.17	2/37
Liam Whitaker	24.0	1	117	4	-	29.25	4.88	2/41
Harrison Lee-Young	10.0	1	51	3	-	17.00	5.10	3/51
Jamieson Hedges	20.0	5	68	3	-	22.67	3.40	3/68
Nuwan Whyte	12.0	1	41	2	-	20.50	3.42	2/41
Shrey Parsania	11.0	-	88	2	-	44.00	8.00	2/24
Fergus Fergusson	24.0	4	126	2	-	63.00	5.25	1/40
Christopher Savage	13.0	5	34	1	-	34.00	2.62	1/34
Oliver Knight	15.0	2	78	1	-	78.00	5.20	1/46
Nic Bills	21.0	1	87	1	-	87.00	4.14	1/45
James Aitken	23.0	5	118	1	-	118.00	5.13	1/20

**Also bowled:** Callum Hill (0 wickets for 26 runs), Dylan Johnson (0 wickets for 31 runs), Shivam Vohra (0 wickets for 37 runs)

# Women's Second Grade Report

**Robbie Aitken**

Back-to-back champions! Enough said. So, the Women's Second Grade report could probably stop right there!



Let's take a moment to put this all in perspective, seeing that we have a word count for fill. One premiership is rare. In fact, some cricketers go their entire career never winning a grade cricket title, but our Second Grade women have done the unthinkable and done it twice in a row. Yes, in a row, Cricket NSW.

After the off-season disappointment for being denied a First Grade side and the inevitable loss of players who rightly deserved to be elevated to the top level (as illustrated by the rise of cellar dwelling clubs who secured the services of our former players), the W2 Bears were forced into a squad rebuild. We were fortunate to maintain the nucleus of our team and recruit a couple of players who were more than able to fill the shoes of our departing champs. Things fell into place and we knew we had a team who should on paper once again push for the semi-finals. This turned out to be a complete underestimation of the talent within the group who continually delivered in tight situations. Not surprising I suppose after the baptism of fire faced by the team in round one, resulting in a cool headed super over win in Newcastle.

As the rounds progressed, the team just kept finding ways to win. An early injury to our skipper, Bella Johnson, didn't stop our momentum. The rest of the batting order continually stepped up. Ellie James delivered numerous match-saving innings when the team was teetering, Emily Horstead was a picture of consistency, Emily Aitken set platform after platform at the top of the innings, Sam Kuncham made batting against leg spin look like a piece of cake, Kayla Robson played many innings of power and maturity, whilst Adelaide Hicks lobbed bombs onto the roof. The batting just kept getting the job done.



Once again, the W2 Bears bowling unit was a force to be reckoned with. By the season's end, there were four of our bowlers in the top ten for the whole competition and all with a bowling average just sneaking in double figures. Well done to Emily Aitken, Emily Horstead, Lavena Rampal and Bella Johnson who dominated with the ball. In fact, we could have had six of the top ten if Sam Kuncham had not battled injury or had Varada Vinay played more Second Grade games instead of leading the Brewer Shield team.

However, bowlers are only as good as their wicket keepers and fielders. We were fortunate to have three excellent wicket keepers, in the form of Lily Hancock, Kayla Robson and Maanasa Jaganath. This did prove to be a double-edged sword, as sharing keeping duties did not allow for uninterrupted time behind the stumps. However, the fielding unit reaped the rewards of having excellent sets of hands running



around in the field. Notable efforts in the field often turn a match in your favour and this was seen over and over during the season. Countless sharp catches by the safe hands of Lily, Bella and Maanasa or the impressive throwing arm of Miki Jenkins or Georgia MacDonald cutting twos down to ones from the boundary built pressure on opposition batting lineups and consistently turned matches in our favour. All of the ladies threw themselves around in the field and made the opposition team earn every run.

By the end of the regular season, the W2 Bears had an impressive record of thirteen wins, one draw and only five losses. We were sitting in third place in the championship despite having more wins than the second placed team, a factor of the bonus points they had accumulated whilst the vagaries of our draw meant that we only got to face lowly placed clubs such as Penrith once in the season. We managed to win eleven matches the previous premiership winning season, so topping that was a remarkable feat.



This led us to the semi-final against Bankstown Sports. It looked like rain was going to be our undoing, particularly as the wicket had become uncovered during a rainy week. To Bankstown's credit, they switched venues from Grahame Thomas Oval to Kelso Park North to ensure the match went

ahead. They could easily have taken advantage of the vandalism to their home ground and progressed to the grand final under dubious circumstances, but credit must go to their club for the sportsmanship shown.



In the end, the semi-final was an excellent, low scoring match that had everyone on the edge of their seats. We bowled first after winning the toss on a slightly soft deck and proceeded to choke the Bankstown batters. All of the bowlers chipped in with a wicket and miserly bowling figures to cripple the batting before Sam K took a wrecking ball to the middle order and finished with incredible figures of four wickets for just twelve runs from her nine over spell. Bankstown finished with a total of 114 runs, but the wicket conditions would require a disciplined, patient batting display. Emily Horstead and Emily Aitken then delivered the determined fifty run partnership that was required. However, the wicket wasn't an easy one to get started on and a quick tumble of wickets sent players scurrying for their pads. It was still game on and the Bears needed to dig in and settle the ship. Sam K made a further contribution with some hard-earned runs before Maanasa and Ellie came together at the crease to bring us home. Ellie once again smacked the winning runs during an impressive innings that got us out of a tight spot, and propelled us across the line with only three wickets in hand. Our team and supporter erupted in the stand as the ball sailed off Ellie's bat. We were grand final bound once again.



It was only fitting that the grand final was to be played at Tunks Park, the perpetual lower grades ground of the year. Bernie Vince had again worked his magic and the ground was immaculate. Parramatta won the toss and elected to bat as a bumper crowd gathered, most notably many representatives from other grade clubs. Whether to watch the game or scout out our players after CNSW had timed their decision to freeze the competition and to again deny us first grade for just before the match, who can tell, but all were treated to a clinical display from the Bears.

Parramatta weren't in the match from the moment that Emily Horstead sent the opening batter's stump cartwheeling out of the ground. The whole bowling unit were at their miserly best, with Sam K taking two for ten, Emily A two for four and Miki one for five. However, in this dominant performance with Parra being bowled out for just sixty-nine, one player stood out in particular. Lavena Rampal decimated the two blues and returned the incredible figures of four for ten, being most deservedly named player of the final. The top order then went to work and clinically knocked off the runs with the loss of only one wicket. The ladies had done the unthinkable, ignored all of the external noise in the background, and showed their characteristic determination to become BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS!

The club and coaches, Michelle Goszko and Robbie

Aitken, could not be prouder of the ladies. The way they approached their cricket, played for one another and the character they showed was a credit to them all and their families.

This team was a shining light in an otherwise somewhat disappointing season for the UTS North Sydney Bears club as a whole. We particularly thank Bella Johnson for the contribution she made leading the team this season. We were indeed fortunate to have such a fine player, but more importantly a fantastic young person at the helm. With her exploits on the park, it is unsurprising that she was awarded the Bevyn White Cricketer of the Year, Umpires' Player of the Year and SCA Women's Second Grade Player of the Year. Well done Bella and congratulations on your county cricket contract back in the UK.



A number of our players will again be faced with difficult choices about where they pursue their cricket career next season, due to unprecedented decisions outside of the club's control. For those of you who are departing, we thank you for your valued contributions and we hope you call the Bears your home once again when we are granted the pathway to First Grade that you have worked so hard for and repeatedly demonstrated that you deserve. For those of you who stay, dig in your heels and show them what the Bears are made of in 2025/26.



## Women's Second Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Mtchs	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Bella Johnson	17	18	6	581	2	1	107*	48.42	19
Emily Horstead	20	20	4	393	-	-	47	24.56	7
Kayla Robson	17	15	2	269	1	-	75	20.69	11/1
Emily Aitken	20	16	2	230	1	-	52	16.43	2
Adelaide Hicks	19	14	2	139	-	-	27*	11.58	3
Sameeksha Kuncham	17	12	3	138	-	-	26	15.33	5
Ellie James	18	13	2	105	-	-	32	9.55	3
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Sri Jaganath	19	12	2	42	-	-	14	4.20	16/5
Samantha Williams	11	5	2	35	-	-	18	11.67	1
Varada Vinay	12	5	1	25	-	-	11*	6.25	1
Amy Gibbons	4	3	2	22	-	-	8*	22.00	-
Eva Jenns	4	2	2	16	-	-	12*	-	1
Georgia MacDonald	16	7	4	14	-	-	7*	4.67	2
Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu	2	1	1	12	-	-	12*	-	-

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Emily Aitken	124.2	18	349	26	-	13.42	2.81	4/15
Emily Horstead	103.4	5	400	24	-	16.67	3.86	2/0
Lavena Rampal	97.1	13	308	23	-	13.39	3.17	4/10
Bella Johnson	95.5	16	305	22	1	13.86	3.18	5/12
Varada Vinay	59.3	10	166	19	1	8.74	2.79	5/17
Sameeksha Kuncham	58.0	6	180	16	1	11.25	3.10	5/7
Ellie James	48.3	3	230	9	-	25.56	4.74	2/6
Samantha Williams	26.5	-	110	6	-	18.33	4.10	2/11
Georgia MacDonald	26.5	1	134	6	-	22.33	4.99	1/5
Mikaela Jenkins	14.1	1	54	4	-	13.50	3.81	1/0
Eva Jenns	7.0	-	27	2	-	13.50	3.86	1/3
Kayla Robson	5.0	1	33	1	-	33.00	6.60	1/33
Amy Gibbons	0.3	-	3	-	-	-	6.00	0/3
Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu	1.0	-	6	-	-	-	6.00	0/6

# Men's Third Grade Report

**Patrick Lindsay**

After the pain of missing out on finals at the last round of 2023/24, 3s were keen to go one step further and make amends in 24-25. The side was lead for the bulk of the season by the best skipper in the competition in Liam Whittaker and had a wealth of options to pick from once again.



However, finals were the furthest thing on the mind of the Selection Committee after Round 2 after two comprehensive losses to Bankstown and Gordon. Special mention must go to Robin Broom's lone hand vs the Dogs with 102 off 79 balls with 10 fours and 5 sixes.



The Bears got on the board vs Penrith in strange match where the Panthers looked well on top at

0/139 before staggering to 6/192. The Bears were then cruising at 2/123 before the wheels fell off in our innings as well! The difference was the cool head of Aidan Thomas. He anchored the innings with 70\* off 103 and got the job done in the 48<sup>th</sup> over 7 down.

A heartbreaking 2 wicket loss to easts followed and then a solid victory vs Hawksbury. Dilraj Singh's 62 was the highlight vs Easts and Robin Brooms 75 was the best vs the Hawks.

From here the 3s season unravelled, an outright defeat to Parra, then a thrashing at the hands of UNSW were compounded by unfortunate washouts to Sydney (18<sup>th</sup>) and Blacktown (20<sup>th</sup>). We then lost our two T20s to Wests and Sydney Uni and went to Christmas with 2 wins from 11 and the season seemingly over.

The Bears needed a spark to get some momentum and Mr Reliable, Liam Whitaker, delivered with an outrageous 7 for 8 off 13 including a hat-trick vs Mosman. At one point, the Whales lost 5 for none! All to Whitaker. Mosman were eventually rolled for 38. The Bears chased this down for the loss of 3 wickets, however, we were bowled out for 93 – clearly the wicket was doing at bit at Rawson. Sadly week 2 was impacted severely by rain and that put paid to our chances of 10 points.





Nevertheless, the Bears looked to take that momentum into a grudge match vs NDs at Bon. The lads got off to the best possible start thanks to Dilraj Singh's 84. Aidan Thomas (29), Robin Broom (30) chipped in, but the game was taken away from the Rangers due to James Aitken's 70 and Shrey Parsania's 58. This duo put on 96 for the 7<sup>th</sup> wicket and helped 3s set a competitive 312. Liam Whittaker continued his rich vein of form with the ball with his second 5-fa in succession (5/44 off 18.5) as he spearheaded the boys to 10 poles and a song – NDs rolled for 183.



We now had a sniff and another fearsome rival Manly was summarily dispatched. The 'Tahs were rolled for 123 with Parsania the destroyer with 5 for 39 off his 10. A thumping bonus point win was secured off the back of Singh's 57 off 63 and Tony Cornwell and Aidan Thomas's quick-fire stand of 46.

With two rounds to go everything still needed to go the Bears' way to have a chance of finals. Winnable games vs Sutherland and Fairfield stood between 3s and a shot at finals with at least one outright required to guarantee our chances.

Not only did the Bears deliver with one outright, they added in the Quinella for good measure! The star of both games was Lachlan Spencer who took 10 wickets in the matches vs Sutherland (4 for 39 and 6 for 18)

and then backed it up with another 8 wickets versus Fairfield (6 for 23 and 2 for 39). Tony Cornwell added another highlight with 112\* off 105 versus Fairfield.



3s had won 5 from 5 after Christmas with two outrights and one bonus point win. This amounted to a stunning fourth place finish on the table and a match vs UNSW at Dave Phillips South in Round 1 of the finals. Unfortunately, this match was marred by a drainage problem at the ground which saw a significant portion of Day 1 lost. However, the Bees' batters were too good on the day as they amassed a commanding 6/434 when the match was abandoned.



As the highest place non-loser of the first week of the finals, the Bears had a second bite at the cherry vs Minor Premiers, Parramatta. The Bears were sent in and showed plenty of fight to make 247, considering two of the side's most important bats in the run home, Cornwell and Aitken, were unavailable. Dilraj Singh



put an exclamation point on his fine season with 81, and Ben Champion (28), Thomas (35), Dylan Johnson (24) and Broom (34) all contributed. Unfortunately, the magic with the ball from the round games deserted 3s and Parra were too solid reaching 3/146 before time was called on the match and the Bears' season.



All in all, it was a tremendous season for 3s. The never say die attitude was a pleasure to be a part of as one of the most amazing finishes to a season was completed. Dilraj Singh's 557 runs at 34.81 opening the batting, was clearly the highlight on the batting card. Aidan Thomas also had his most consistent season with 355 runs at 35.5. Robin Broom was destructive at times for his 352 runs at 29.33. Tony Cornwell's 203 at 50.75 and James Aitken's 126 @ 126 were critical at the back end of the season. There was also plenty to crow about on the bowling card with Liam Whitaker's 29 poles at 14.17 and Lachlan Spencer's 21 wickets at 10.57 apiece the standouts. Shrey Parsania showed his class with 19 wickets at 17.26 as well.

This 3s group has plenty to build on next season, with many players looking to take on their strong performances into higher grades in 2025/26.





## Men's Third Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Dilraj Singh	19	18	2	557	5	-	84	34.81	3
Aidan Thomas	17	13	3	355	1	-	70*	35.50	3
Robin Broom	16	13	1	352	1	1	102	29.33	5
Tony Cornwell	4	6	2	203	-	1	112*	50.75	5
Harrison Davis	13	10	1	196	-	-	49	21.78	8/1
Shrey Parsania	10	8	-	166	1	-	58	20.75	-
Dylan Johnson	12	7	-	141	-	-	48	20.14	1
James Aitken	5	2	1	126	2	-	70	126.00	6
Liam Weerakoon	5	4	1	119	1	-	70*	39.67	1
Ollie Pascall	11	9	2	113	-	-	44*	16.14	8
Benjamin Champion	6	6	-	108	-	-	47	18.00	-
Vrushab Kumar	12	8	-	95	-	-	22	11.88	3
Dylan Mares	3	3	-	66	1	-	52	22.00	1
Henry Lester	11	10	3	63	-	-	24*	9.00	2
Liam Whitaker	11	7	1	51	-	-	14	8.50	3
James Edwards	5	5	3	33	-	-	24*	16.50	2

**Also batted:** Patrick Lindsay (15 runs @ 7.5), Sol Balbi (14 runs @ 14), Ravi Adabala (14 runs @ 14), Naman Batish (12 runs @ 6), Nuwan Whyte (11 runs @ 3.67), Amodh Sriram (5 runs @ 1.67), Jaden Sequeira (4 runs @ 1.33), Jack Atkinson (2 runs, undismised), Luke Austin (1 runs @ 0.5), Lachlan Spencer (0 runs, undismised).

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Liam Whitaker	171.3	49	411	29	2	14.17	2.40	7/8
Lachlan Spencer	65.1	11	222	21	2	10.57	3.41	6/18
Shrey Parsania	91.2	17	328	19	2	17.26	3.59	6/59
Vrushab Kumar	87.0	13	329	17	-	19.35	3.78	3/23
Jaden Sequeira	67.0	12	224	12	-	18.67	3.34	2/30
Henry Lester	106.0	12	458	11	-	41.64	4.32	2/17
Nuwan Whyte	75.0	6	273	6	-	45.50	3.64	2/19
James Aitken	24.0	7	61	4	-	15.25	2.54	4/28
James Edwards	34.0	4	124	4	-	31.00	3.65	3/47
Aidan Thomas	24.0	1	85	3	-	28.33	3.54	1/0
Thomas Cole	49.0	11	208	3	-	69.33	4.24	2/14
Ravi Adabala	21.0	4	69	2	-	34.50	3.29	1/17
Dylan Mares	24.0	1	90	2	-	45.00	3.75	1/12
Dylan Johnson	4.1	-	33	1	-	33.00	7.92	1/33
Patrick Lindsay	10.0	-	37	1	-	37.00	3.70	1/37

**Also bowled:** Ollie Pascall (0 wickets for 3 runs), Jack Atkinson (0 wickets for 12 runs), Luke Austin (0 wickets for 30 runs), Dilraj Singh (0 wickets for 52 runs), Sol Balbi (0 wickets for 53 runs), Angus Miller (0 wickets for 58 runs), Amodh Sriram (0 wickets for 140 runs).



# Women's Third Grade Report

**Bernadette Robson**

The 2024/25 season was a challenging yet rewarding one for our Third Grade Women's team. With a wide range of skill levels across the competition, each match presented unique tests of resilience and adaptability. Our team worked hard to stay competitive, even as we faced several disruptions due to wet weather cancellations early in the season.



A key turning point came before Christmas, when younger players from within the club stepped up to support the squad. Their enthusiasm, talent, and commitment quickly saw them become an integral part of our core group, contributing significantly to both performance and team morale. Limited player availability for mid-week training created further challenges in maintaining consistency. Despite this, the team remained focused and made the most of every opportunity to prepare and improve.



As the season progressed, the ladder tightened considerably, with the top four teams separated by

only a few points. This made bonus points critical in the second half of the competition, and our players responded with determination in every fixture, all the way to the semi-finals.

There were several standout individual performances throughout the season. Violet Crowe delivered a devastating spell of 5/12 against Parramatta, setting the tone early in the match. Sadaf's incredible 4/5 and Maddy's sharp 4/7 were both instrumental in securing key victories, showcasing the depth and firepower in our bowling unit. Third Grade also saw their first 5 player slip cordon thanks to speedster Prathy!!!

We are proud to note that UTS North Sydney produced three of the top five batters in the competition, with Bernadette Robson finishing as the leading run-scorer, Kayla Robson third and Amy Gibbons fifth. Our bowlers also made their mark, with five of the top 20 in the competition hailing from our squad. In the field, Amy was a standout, finishing the season at the top of the fielding statistics.



Thank you to Kevin Peterson who supported the Third Grade Bears whenever he had capacity. We all learnt so much from you and really appreciated your guidance this season. While results fluctuated, the growth in individual and team performance was undeniable. We are proud of the way the team represented the club and look forward to building on this momentum in the coming season. Go the Bears!

# Women's Third Grade Statistics

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Bernadette Robson	14	13	10	456	4	-	53*	152.00	4
Kayla Robson	11	11	9	376	4	-	54*	188.00	5
Amy Gibbons	13	13	5	341	3	-	50*	42.63	9/5
Esha Tiwana	12	9	2	154	1	-	53*	22.00	-
Anu Raj	14	9	1	154	-	-	43	19.25	3/2
Abigail Aitken	6	4	3	69	-	-	30*	69.00	1
Varada Vinay	3	2	1	56	1	-	51*	56.00	1
Hetti Blackburn	8	6	3	51	-	-	19	17.00	2
Madeleine Paynter	8	6	1	47	-	-	30*	9.40	2
Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu	1	1	-	39	-	-	39	39.00	-
Eva Jenns	1	1	1	33	-	-	33*	N/A	1
Sarah Gibbons	9	7	1	27	-	-	10*	4.50	-
Rina Hore	4	3	1	23	-	-	10	11.50	2
Anna Peterson	10	5	2	20	-	-	7*	6.67	-
Lily Hancock	1	1	-	19	-	-	19	19.00	1
Lara Jenns	3	2	1	17	-	-	13	17.00	-

**Also batted:** Kashish Sharma (11 runs, undismisssed), Nechaldeep Dhillon (10 runs @ 5), Sadaf Zaidi (9 runs @ 3), Violet Crowe (7 runs @ 7), Chloe Blackwell (7 runs @ 2.33), Maanasa Sri Jaganath (4 runs @ 4), Alice Hancock (3 runs @ 3), Anuruddika Digampiti Dewage (1 run @ 0.5).

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Sadaf Zaidi	64.1	2	220	13	-	16.92	3.43	4/5
Violet Crowe	42.0	4	175	12	1	14.58	4.17	5/12
Kayla Robson	63.4	10	192	12	-	16.00	3.02	3/23
Madeleine Paynter	46.2	10	129	11	-	11.73	2.78	4/7
Bernadette Robson	65.1	7	229	11	-	20.82	3.51	2/14
Prarthana Uppili	29.0	2	98	7	-	14.00	3.38	3/19
Nechaldeep Dhillon	24.0	2	128	6	-	21.33	5.33	2/22
Alice Hancock	41.0	7	188	6	-	31.33	4.59	2/32
Rina Hore	9.4	-	27	5	-	5.40	2.79	2/6
Abigail Aitken	34.0	3	99	4	-	24.75	2.91	2/15
Varada Vinay	17.0	2	50	3	-	16.67	2.94	2/17
Kashish Sharma	5.4	1	14	2	-	7.00	2.47	2/14
Eva Jenns	3.0	1	17	2	-	8.50	5.67	2/17
Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu	6.0	-	40	2	-	20.00	6.67	2/40



# Fourth Grade Report

**Patrick Lindsay**

The Fourth Grade Ladder for season 2024/25 will show the Bears third-last with two wins from 16. But our Fourth Grade season was nowhere near as depressing as the ladder situation may indicate.



The season started at Tunks vs Bankstown where the boys let the Dogs off the hook at 5/105 to finish 8-237 off 50 overs. The chase never got going and we were all out for 147.



Round 2 demonstrated what the 4s group was capable of with a thumping win vs local rivals Gordon. Scores to Liam Weerakoon (36), Ben Champion (50) and Jack Mannix (46) saw the Bears post a competitive total of 9-232. Lachlan Barber bowled well for his 3/47 but

Luke Austin was the pick of the bowlers with 2/21 off 7.1. Gordon rolled for 178.



A heartbreaking loss at home by 4 runs to Penrith followed and then a disappointing loss to Easts when we were in the box seat with Easts 4/19 chasing 180.



Round 5 saw the Bears dominate Hawkesbury with a bonus point victory. The Bears were sent in on a juicy Tunks wicket and scrambles to a competitive 159 off 34 overs, with Henry Lester the best of the bats with 43. The seamers came out breathing fire and had the Hawks teetering at 6/32. A minor recovery moved Hawksbury to 6/62, but the quicks struck again to bowl Hawksbury out for 78. Poles were shared by James Edwards (3/26 off 7), Amodh Sriram (3/13 off 7) and Henry Lester (3/13 off 5).



**Sadly, from this point of the season, 4s didn't trouble the wins column. Washouts versus Blacktown (19<sup>th</sup>) and Sydney (16<sup>th</sup>) certainly impacted our season deleteriously, but not enough to give the boys a shot at finals. A washout draw in Round 12 vs Mosman at 2/71 chasing 177 was also unfortunate.**



**Leading the wicket takers was Henry Lester with 12 wickets @ 12.08, Ravi Adabala with 12 at 17.42 apiece and Angus Miller with 12 poles @ 23.92. All showed promise throughout the season.**

**Liam Weerakoon (201 @ 25.13) was clearly the best bat for the season, however, a top score of 36 what highlight where Liam has to improve – converting starts to big scores. He will be a higher-grade player as soon as he does this. He possesses a rock-solid technique and temperament. Ben Champion also proved he has the game for higher grades with 133 @ 26.60 with a top score of 50.**



**We look forward to season 2025/26 where 4s will be plotting to return to higher surrounds on the ladder.**





## Fourth Grade Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Liam Weerakoon	8	8	-	201	-	-	36	25.13	-
Benjamin Champion	7	6	1	133	1	-	50	26.60	-
Krishna Vanapamula	9	9	-	125	1	-	67	13.89	4/1
Henry Riseborough	11	11	-	124	-	-	27	11.27	1
Luke Austin	4	3	-	118	1	-	71	39.33	-
Karan Sharma	5	6	1	117	-	-	46*	23.40	4
Ravi Adabala	6	6	-	105	-	-	27	17.50	3
Eesa Omar	5	7	-	90	-	-	49	12.86	1
Jack Mannix	6	4	-	83	-	-	46	20.75	1/1
Dylan Johnson	1	1	-	81	1	-	81	81.00	4
Naman Batish	10	9	1	79	-	-	34*	9.88	1
Henry Lester	7	5	-	72	-	-	43	14.40	1
Fergus Fergusson	7	5	-	67	-	-	22	13.40	1
Shivam Vohra	7	9	-	57	-	-	11	6.33	2
Vivaan Bhosale	8	7	-	45	-	-	11	6.43	1
Patrick Lindsay	8	6	2	43	-	-	25	10.75	2
Shanaq Hasan	5	7	-	43	-	-	16	6.14	7
Anubhav Malhotra	6	4	3	36	-	-	14*	36.00	-
Ollie Pascall	1	1	-	35	-	-	35	35.00	-
Vivek Jain	3	4	-	33	-	-	22	8.25	-
Michael Lloyd	1	1	-	30	-	-	30	30.00	-
Amodh Sriram	7	6	3	26	-	-	10*	8.67	-

**Also batted:** Angus Miller (24 runs @ 4.8), Vrushab Kumar (22 runs @ 22), Thomas Geyer (20 runs @ 20), Angelo Joseph (20 runs, undismised), Darcy Feilen (16 runs, undismised), Uzair Sarfaraz (15 runs @ 3.75), Rizul Gulati (7 runs @ 7), Alex MacGill (7 runs @ 1.75), Junaid Nizamuddin (6 runs @ 3), Liam McCarthy (4 runs @ 4), James Edwards (4 runs @ 4), Aryian Banker (3 runs @ 3), Lachlan Spencer (3 runs @ 1.5), Lachlan Barber (2 runs @ 2), Thomas Cole (1 run, undismised).

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Henry Lester	50.5	11	145	12	-	12.08	2.85	4/30
Ravi Adabala	74.0	15	209	12	-	17.42	2.82	3/58
Angus Miller	64.3	11	287	12	-	23.92	4.45	3/67
Lachlan Spencer	38.0	6	160	9	-	17.78	4.21	3/22
Amodh Sriram	50.0	12	149	8	-	18.63	2.98	3/13
Lachlan Barber	32.0	1	145	7	-	20.71	4.53	3/47
Shivam Vohra	66.0	8	292	7	-	41.71	4.42	3/42
Patrick Lindsay	37.0	7	112	6	-	18.67	3.03	3/19
Liam Whitaker	25.3	5	50	5	1	10.00	1.96	5/50
Karan Sharma	24.0	4	93	4	-	23.25	3.88	3/23
James Edwards	7.0	1	26	3	-	8.67	3.71	3/26
Vrushab Kumar	29.5	10	73	3	-	24.33	2.45	3/73
Vivek Jain	14.0	-	91	3	-	30.33	6.50	3/70
Luke Austin	18.1	-	96	3	-	32.00	5.28	2/21
Rizul Gulati	5.0	-	23	2	-	11.50	4.60	2/23
Henry Riseborough	11.4	1	52	2	-	26.00	4.46	1/2
Fergus Fergusson	8.0	-	62	2	-	31.00	7.75	2/33
Eesa Omar	12.1	-	79	2	-	39.50	6.49	2/26
Junaid Nizamuddin	11.0	-	82	2	-	41.00	7.45	2/49

**Also bowled:** Naman Batish (1 wicket for 17 runs), Thomas Cole (1 wicket for 25 runs), Hamish Johnston (1 wicket for 25 runs), Adam Thomas (1 wicket for 37 runs), Vivaan Bhosale (1 wicket for 72 runs), Alex MacGill (1 wicket for 76 runs), Angelo Joseph (0 wickets for 22 runs), Thomas Geyer (0 wickets for 23 runs).



# Fifth Grade Report

**Alex MacGill**

It was a pleasure to lead Fifth Grade this season and oversee the next crop of new players coming through. There were five debutants in round one and nineteen across the full season. Fielding a younger side than in previous years, there were some thrilling victories that showcased potential but also frustrating collapses. There was even a short-lived but unsuccessful push for a finals berth, making it a season with a bit of everything.



The season began on a positive note with a strong four-wicket victory over Bankstown. A disciplined bowling and fielding effort was highlighted by Ravi Adabala's masterful spell of bowling. A high point for the team came in Round 3 with an exhilarating, hard-fought victory over eventual competition runners-up, Penrith. McCarthy's 53 anchored the total of 201, ably supported by Longworth and Sakkarwal. On debut, Vivek Jain took two early wickets in a brilliant 3/26, however, Penrith started to pull away with a near-100 run partnership. Then came an exceptional 4/41 from Junaid Nizamuddin, sparking a 5/25 collapse to snatch the win from the jaws of defeat.



Despite a period of much inconsistency, the team's spirit never waned. A mid-season highlight was Shiv Vohra's remarkable turnaround in form. His 77 against Mosman gave the grade a momentary sniff of sneaking into finals. This belief was given legs when he took 7 wickets the next week, helping the team to a nail-biting victory over Northern District despite being a man down on day two.



The team's finals hopes came down to a crucial Round 14 clash against the Manly juggernauts. We fielded a very strong side on paper and arrived at the ground in high spirits. Despite excellent bowling from Jack Atkinson (4/44) and Patrick Lindsay (3/27), Manly posted a solid 7/222, albeit on a batting friendly wicket. The chase never gained significant

momentum, and the we were bowled out for 163, falling by 59 runs and ending any finals hopes.



The next round was a two-day match against Sutherland in Punchbowl. Laughs were rife when Tom Geyer found his new favourite shop, “Cheap Grog here” across the road. Morale was still healthy as we approached a first innings win. Despite claiming the points around 4:15pm, the opposition captain kept all 22 players at the ground until 7pm.

He apparently believed that in the remaining time, his team could:

1. Take the last four wickets to close out our first innings.
2. Bat their own second innings and set a new target.
3. Take 10 wickets to bowl us out a second time to win the match outright.

All this needed to happen in less than 40 overs.



While the season didn't culminate in a finals appearance, it was a valuable one. There were glimpses of fight and a never-say-die attitude. I look forward to seeing what these players can achieve in the coming years.



# Fifth Grade Statistics

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Thomas Geyer	12	11	1	232	-	-	45	23.20	13
Christopher Lloyd	8	6	1	182	1	-	51*	36.40	3
Liam McCarthy	5	4	-	140	2	-	56	35.00	-
Shivam Vohra	7	5	1	126	1	-	77	31.50	1
Michael Lloyd	7	5	-	121	1	-	51	24.20	2
Alex MacGill	9	9	1	110	-	-	47	13.75	4
Shanaq Hasan	11	8	2	94	-	-	46	15.67	11/1
Vivek Jain	7	5	-	92	-	-	29	18.40	-
Eesa Omar	7	5	2	91	-	-	33	30.33	2
Oliver Longworth	8	8	1	78	-	-	34	11.14	1
Karan Sharma	9	6	2	77	-	-	42*	19.25	-
Daivik Sahni	6	7	-	53	-	-	20	7.57	6
Ravi Adabala	2	2	-	52	-	-	48	26.00	-
Viraj Thakur	4	5	1	52	-	-	31	13.00	-
Angelo Joseph	5	5	1	49	-	-	20*	12.25	4
Dhruv Sakkarwal	7	8	1	49	-	-	29	7.00	4
Naman Batish	3	3	-	46	-	-	37	15.33	3
Aksh Patel	4	2	-	36	-	-	28	18.00	-
Rizul Gulati	2	3	1	36	-	-	24	18.00	-
Venkata Sandugula	1	2	-	31	-	-	24	15.50	-
Harrison Vlachos	3	3	-	29	-	-	15	9.67	1
Anubhav Malhotra	7	4	2	24	-	-	12*	12.00	-

**Also batted:** Thomas Roussac (10 runs @ 10), Ash Perrott (8 runs @ 4), Patrick Lindsay (8 runs @ 4), Jack Atkinson (6 runs @ 6), Vivaan Bhosale (6 runs @ 6), Christopher Savage (6 runs, und dismissed), Darcy Feilen (5 runs @ 5), Syed Rayyan Kazmi (5 runs @ 5), Saugat Pandey (5 runs @ 2.5), Felix Eade (5 runs @ 2.5), Junaid Nizamuddin (4 runs @ 2), Harry Whitehouse (4 runs @ 2), Thomas Cole (4 runs, und dismissed), Toby Hannan (3 runs @ 0.75), Shashank Rangaraj Chari (1 runs @ 0.5), Uzair Sarfaraz (0 runs @ 0).



## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Junaid Nizamuddin	62.1	6	243	17	1	14.29	3.91	5/40
Shivam Vohra	44.0	8	129	12	1	10.75	2.93	7/53
Anubhav Malhotra	54.0	6	213	10	-	21.30	3.94	4/35
Alex Macgill	77.0	8	234	10	1	23.40	3.04	5/51
Patrick Lindsay	39.0	15	56	9	-	6.22	1.44	4/7
Thomas Cole	26.0	3	99	6	-	16.50	3.81	4/24
Vivek Jain	52.0	9	156	6	-	26.00	3.00	3/26
Karan Sharma	58.0	9	176	6	-	29.33	3.03	2/43
Harrison Vlachos	23.0	6	83	5	-	16.60	3.61	3/17
Jack Atkinson	9.0	-	44	4	-	11.00	4.89	4/44
Oliver Longworth	6.0	-	39	3	-	13.00	6.50	3/39
Ravi Adabala	20.0	3	42	3	-	14.00	2.10	2/12
Aksh Patel	13.5	-	45	3	-	15.00	3.25	2/34
Uzair Sarfaraz	14.0	1	63	3	-	21.00	4.50	2/51
Toby Hannan	22.0	10	56	2	-	28.00	2.55	1/8
Thomas Geyer	15.0	-	70	2	-	35.00	4.67	2/42
Eesa Omar	15.4	1	112	2	-	56.00	7.15	1/25
Daivik Sahni	38.3	6	132	2	-	66.00	3.43	1/23

**Also bowled:** Rizul Gulati (1 wicket for 12 runs), Angus Miller (1 wicket for 17 runs), Dhruv Sakkarwal (1 wicket for 27 runs), Vivaan Bhosale (1 wicket for 35 runs), Daniel Allsopp (1 wicket for 35 runs), Syed Rayyan Kazmi (1 wicket for 43 runs), Shashank Rangaraj Chari (1 wicket for 97 runs), Thomas Roussac (0 wickets for 18 runs), Ash Perrott (0 wickets for 22 runs).

# Poidevin-Gray Shield Report

It would be a tall order for the Poidevin-Gray Shield of 2024/25 to be as good as the Premiership success of 2023-24. However, with the majority of the squad back, the Bears had good reason to think they could go 'back-to-back'.



The Bears' campaign started at North Sydney Oval vs Fairfield Liverpool. Unavailability and departures (none due to age) meant that the Bears fielded a team with six different players to the Grand Final XI barely six months prior. The Bears batted first (unlike the whole of season 2023/24) and James Moore (72 off 62) and Hugh Taylor (45 off 72) got us off to a strong start. However, no other batter could turn a start into a big score and ultimately the Bears were dismissed for 244 in the 48<sup>th</sup> over – a competitive total but one maybe slightly below par.



Fergus Fergusson got PGs off to the best possible start with a wicket off the 1<sup>st</sup> ball clean bowling Nishchay. However, this would be only piece of joy for a while with Fairfield putting on 110 for the second wicket until Jaden Sequeira on PGs debut for the club picked up Dixit for 60. Tom Hogan bowled a delightful spell of 2/31 from his 10 – all from the southern end which had a particularly small boundary straight. Unfortunately, Fairfield chased out total 7 down in the 44<sup>th</sup> over.



The Bears then had three T20s vs Wests, UNSW and Sydney University. All three games were won comfortably. Harry Gardner, back for another season at the club, helped reduce Wests to 8-135 off their 20 overs and James Moore (78\* off 63) and Jamieson Hedges (41\* off 39) saw the Bears home easily in the 19<sup>th</sup> over.

The fixtures vs UNSW and Sydney University were dominated by our second English overseas player, Adam Thomas (Surrey). UNSW posted a competitive 5-161 off their 20 overs, and the Bears were in all sorts of trouble at 4/29 off 7 overs. Hedges and Thomas took the score to 4/79 in the 13<sup>th</sup> over, but when Hedges was dismissed, we were all at sea needing nearly 12 an over for victory. However, Thomas took the Bees' attack apart, hitting with immense power including three consecutive sixes to see the Bears home with three balls remaining. He finished with 76\* off 40 balls and was well

supported by Dylan Johnson (22 off 14) and Everett Oxenham (24\* off 8).



In the second game of the day at Blacktown International Sports Park, Thomas went even bigger, smoking the Uni bowlers for 84 off 34 rocks. He hit 5 fours and 7 sixes in one the cleanest displays of ball striking seen... since his Surrey team-mate Ollie Sykes's blistering innings in the Semi and Grand Final in the previous season. Jordan Netto (54\* off 33) was also hugely impressive as the Bears posted 3-196 off their 20. Uni were never in the hunt, particularly after Hedges took 2 wickets and a run out in the first over!

Unfortunately, Round 6 vs Blacktown was washed out and Round 7 saw the Bears out-pointed by Manly going down by 64 runs after bowling the Tahs out for 180 at Manly Oval thanks to 5/22 by skipper Hedges. The Bears therefore needed to beat Easts to have any chance of making the finals. We were sent in down at Tunks and posted a very competitive 9/265. Thomas (69 off 89), Addison Sherriff (70 off 74) and Netto (35 off 24) were the pick of the batters. The Dolphins couldn't get going, with Harry Gardner 4 for 31 off 9 the pick of the bowlers as Easts were bowled out for 179 in the 43<sup>rd</sup> over.

The Bears were back in the finals albeit as the lowest ranked side and would have to play top seed Parramatta at Old Kings in the Quarter Final.



Unfortunately, the Bears couldn't replicate the magic of the prior season, even after restricting Parra to 206 off their 50 overs. We were bowled out in the 39<sup>th</sup> over for 147 with Moore (47 off 53) and Dyland Johnson (25\* off 43) showing some fight. Parra's Ryan Gupta was too good on the day with his 6/31 off 10 and he was the difference between the two teams.

Thanks to Nic Bills and Harrison Ward for coaching the team and credit must go to Jamieson Hedges for his cool leadership of this talented squad. James Moore (252 @ 50.4) and Adam Thomas (240 @ 60.0) were the pick of the batters. Harry Gardner was the best of the bowlers with 15 wickets at 14.33. Jamieson Hedges with 9 @ 20.11 was also dangerous with the new ball. Congratulations to Adam Thomas who won the Player of the Season.



## Poidevin-Gray Shield Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
James Moore	10	6	1	252	2	-	78*	50.40	4
Adam Thomas	7	5	1	240	3	-	84	60.00	3
Jordan Netto	10	7	1	121	1	-	54*	20.17	4/1
Hugh Taylor	10	6	-	108	-	-	45	18.00	2
Jamieson Hedges	10	7	2	105	-	-	41*	21.00	1
Addison Sherriff	7	5	-	105	1	-	70	21.00	4
Thomas Hogan	10	3	1	60	-	-	36*	30.00	2
Dylan Johnson	8	3	1	49	-	-	25*	24.50	3
Everett Oxenham	6	5	2	38	-	-	24*	12.67	1
Dilraj Singh	4	2	-	36	-	-	24	18.00	-
Fergus Fergusson	5	3	-	34	-	-	23	11.33	2
Harry Gardner	9	3	-	33	-	-	25	11.00	1
Harrison Davis	4	2	-	13	-	-	8	6.50	1
Jaden Sequeira	6	2	1	2	-	-	2	2.00	3
Luke Austin	1	1	1	2	-	-	2*	N/A	-
James Edwards	5	1	-	-	-	-	0	N/A	1

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Harry Gardner	41.0	-	215	15	-	14.33	5.24	4/31
Jamieson Hedges	43.2	6	181	9	1	20.11	4.18	5/22
Everett Oxenham	37.5	1	221	6	-	36.83	5.84	2/39
Fergus Fergusson	28.0	-	142	5	-	28.40	5.07	2/26
Thomas Hogan	30.0	1	161	5	-	32.20	5.37	2/31
Adam Thomas	20.0	1	94	3	-	31.33	4.70	2/24
Addison Sherriff	14.0	2	48	2	-	24.00	3.43	2/37
James Edwards	6.0	-	61	2	-	30.50	10.17	2/43
Jaden Sequeira	13.1	1	71	2	-	35.50	5.39	1/12
James Moore	0.2	-	1	1	-	1.00	3.00	1/1
Luke Austin	5.0	-	17	1	-	17.00	3.40	1/17
Dylan Johnson	2.0	-	28	1	-	28.00	14.00	1/28

# Brewer Shield Report

**Petar Sredojevic**

Now that a couple of months have passed since the season wrapped up, it feels like the right time to reflect on what was a year of meaningful progress, promising signs, and valuable lessons for our Brewers.



Although we didn't finish as high on the table as we would've liked, the season was full of moments that highlighted just how far this group has come. Week in and week out, the team showed glimpses of real quality - underpinned by determination, resilience, and a genuine hunger to compete. At our best, we played some outstanding cricket.

One of the clear highlights was the win over St George-Sutherland, who were undefeated competition leaders at the time. That performance captured exactly what we're capable of when we're locked in - bowling with discipline, defending a total of 70, and trusting each other in pressure moments. It wasn't a fluke - it was the product of preparation, planning, and belief.

There were many memorable moments from our Brewers this season, but a few standout performances deserve special mention.



In an innings beyond her years, Elspeth Herbert walked out to open and refused to leave until the job was done. Her unbeaten 43 off 116 balls was a masterclass in grit and determination - calm under pressure, selfless in intent, and brave in execution. And to think, she didn't even start the season as our opener. What a rise.

Sam Williams showed exactly what she's capable of, taking apart the Ghosts' bowling attack not once, but twice with a commanding 53 in the second match. Stepping up with composure and intent, Sam took it upon herself to lead the way with this innings.





Varada Vinay, our captain at the start of the season, made an immediate impact with both bat and ball - her performances so strong they demanded Second Grade selection. Leading from the front throughout the campaign, her standout moment came in the form of a commanding 89 against Parramatta at Bon Andrews - a true batting exhibition that set the standard for those around her.



Not to be outshone, Lana Sredojevic produced a bowling performance for the ages in that very match, rising to the occasion in support of her captain. Her extraordinary 7-wicket haul - the first ever in our women's club history and the third-best in Brewers' history- was something truly special to witness. She finished the season with 21 wickets at an astonishing average of 10.19, capping off what was a breakout year.



Of course, there were also games - particularly against lower-ranked opposition - where we didn't

quite reach the same level. That inconsistency is typical of young, talented sides still learning how to perform consistently across a season. It's not a failure; it's part of the development curve. Recognising that every match demands the same level of focus and intent will be an important step for our Brewers to take.

What gives me the most confidence, though, is the mindset within this group. They care deeply. They want to improve. They're willing to do the work. With the lessons of this past season behind us, I have no doubt they'll return stronger, sharper, and even more connected as a team.



There's plenty to be proud of - and even more to look forward to. The best is still to come.

Of course, we can't wrap up without acknowledging the tireless efforts of so many behind the scenes. On behalf of all the Brewers, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part this season - whether it was scoring, chauffeuring, cheering from the sidelines, or helping in countless other ways.

A special mention goes to Robbie Aitken, Christine Hancock, Mark Williams, and Michelle Goszko - your support was invaluable and deeply appreciated by the entire group.



# Brewer Shield Statistics

## Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Varada Vinay	12	12	1	256	1	-	89	23.27	6
Janani Raghavan	15	15	-	228	-	-	37	15.20	5
Elsbeth Herbert	13	13	3	163	-	-	43*	16.30	5/1
Samantha Williams	10	9	1	156	1	-	53	19.50	10
Eva Jenns	7	7	3	125	-	-	35*	31.25	3
Cassandra Watson	6	6	-	109	-	-	32	18.17	3
Prarthana Uppili	13	10	6	106	-	-	27*	26.50	3
Yuhansa Jayakody	12	9	2	105	-	-	30*	15.00	1
Ekmehar Kaur									
Sidhu	12	10	1	96	-	-	32	10.67	4/1
Madeleine Paynter	8	5	1	18	-	-	8	4.50	1
Abigail Aitken	13	5	2	16	-	-	11	5.33	1
Kayla Robson	1	1	1	16	-	-	16*	N/A	-
Alice Hancock	10	2	1	14	-	-	13*	14.00	-
Lana Sredojevic	14	7	1	13	-	-	6	2.17	4

**Also batted:** Georgia Macdonald (9 runs @ 9), Phoebe Hancock (9 runs @ 9), Lily Hancock (8 runs @ 8), Kashish Sharma (6 runs @ 6), Mikaela Jenkins (3 runs @ 1.5), Lara Jenns (1 runs @ 0.2), Jade Stewart (0 runs @ 0).

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBi
Lana Sredojevic	68.1	6	214	21	1	10.19	3.14	7/22
Varada Vinay	71.0	4	205	12	-	17.08	2.89	3/26
Samantha Williams	37.3	5	161	11	-	14.64	4.29	3/13
Janani Raghavan	52.0	6	177	10	-	17.70	3.40	2/11
Abigail Aitken	53.0	5	187	9	-	20.78	3.53	3/23
Yuhansa Jayakody	41.4	4	139	7	-	19.86	3.34	3/18
Kashish Sharma	37.0	12	116	6	-	19.33	3.14	2/16
Lara Jenns	34.0	6	119	5	-	23.80	3.50	1/12
Prarthana Uppili	46.0	2	190	5	-	38.00	4.13	2/9
Eva Jenns	26.0	2	102	4	-	25.50	3.92	1/8
Jade Stewart	2.0	-	11	2	-	5.50	5.50	2/11
Madeleine Paynter	13.0	-	66	2	-	33.00	5.08	1/12
Alice Hancock	20.1	1	73	2	-	36.50	3.62	1/12
Mikaela Jenkins	14.0	-	59	1	-	59.00	4.21	1/11
Phoebe Hancock	2.0	-	4	-	-	-	2.00	0/4
Georgia Macdonald	1.0	-	5	-	-	-	5.00	0/5

## AW Green Shield Report

Season 2024/25 saw 12 new Bears join returning players Toby Hannan, Amodh Sriram and Rayyan Kazmi in a quest for the Green Shield Premiership. The squad was coached by Tim Reynolds with support from former Greenies players Lachie Barber and Luke Austin. Ryan Sood was selected to skipper the side from behind the stumps, and a pair of Central Coast players in Vincent Thornley and George Verth joined the squad as the two country players.



In Round 1 the Bears hosted Sydney University at Tunks. The Bears won the toss and elected to field. Uni scored 6/235 off their 50 overs which was a good score in the large Tunks ground. Amodh Sriram was the pick of the bowlers with 3/20 off 9 overs, and spin pair of Rayyan Kazmi (1/40 off 10) and Zayan Choorapulakkal (1/32 off 8) were economical going at four an over. To chase down 235 batting second at Tunks, the young Bears would have to be at their best. Kaviru Karunaratne (64 off 88) and Jacob Hanlon (26 off 28) have the Bears a fighting chance at 6-167. However, two quick wickets put paid to the Bears chances, being bowled out for 202 in the 47<sup>th</sup> over.

The Bears were able to sing the song in Round 2, after a comprehensive win vs Sydney at Drummoyne Oval. The quicks did the damage skittling the Sydney top order to 8-71 with two wickets to Sriram and 3 each to Hannan and Vivaan Bhosale. Two run outs, courtesy of some slick fielding, saw Sydney bowled out for 127 in the 31<sup>st</sup> over. Although the Bears lost two early wickets, Vivaan Bhosale (53\*) and Kaviru Karunaratne (39\*) put on 103 for the third wicket, to see the boys home easily in the 35<sup>th</sup> over.



The Bears hosted a strong Parramatta side in Round 3. This time the Bears would bat first after winning the toss and Hanlon and Thornley got the side off to a decent start at 0-42 when Thornley was dismissed for 25. Hanlon and Karunaratne (40 off 57) put on 92 for the second wicket, before Kav was out stumped with the score a healthy 2/134 in the 36 over. Unfortunately, the Bears lost their way chasing quick runs losing regular wickets to 9/199 at the end of the allotted 50 overs. Jacob Hanlon (75 of 123) was the pick of the batters. 199 is a competitive total at Tunks and the Bears were eager to rip into the Two Blues. Unfortunately, the Parra batting line up was too strong passing our total in the 41<sup>st</sup> over 4 down.





Rain played havoc in Round 4 back at Tunks. The game was reduced to a 15 over a side match, with the Hawks posting 2-72. That man again Kaviru Karunaratne was the star again with 53 off 46 to steer the Bears home with 10 balls remaining. He was ably supported by Vivaan Bhosale (13 off 16). At this point of the season Kav had amassed 196 runs at 98!

Round 5 vs Sutherland gave the Bears the chance to make it 3 wins and place themselves firmly in the mix for Finals. Sutherland won the toss and batted first at the Sutherland Oval. The Bears kept things tight early and in the 31<sup>st</sup> over had the Sharks 2-82. The spinners were bowling with great control with Kazmi (0/28 off 10) and Zayan Choorra (1/15 off 10) bowling economically. The Sharks fought back and with wickets in hand, accelerated way to eventually post 7/195 off their 50 overs. Unfortunately for the Bears, no one could get the big score needed to anchor the chase home, with starts had by Hanlon (36), Karunaratne (24) and Bhosale (20). The chase petered out in at 9/168 in the 50<sup>th</sup> over.

The Bears would need to win their last two games to have any chance of final, however a poor effort batting first to Fairfield put paid to our chances. Vivaan Bhosale (47) batted bravely with no real support as the Bears slumped to 117 in the 38<sup>th</sup> over. The Lions chased that score down easily in the 26<sup>th</sup> over.



A washout at Tunks in Round 7 would end the season on a damp note. Kaviru Karunaratne was the stand out player of the season, making the Green Shield Merit XI with his 239 runs at 59.75. He was also the Bears' player of the year. Vivaan Bhosale (143 @ 28.6) and Jacob Hanlon (137 @ 27.4) also had good seasons with the bat. Amodh Sriram (6 @ 28.67) was brave as the team's spearhead, but ultimately the fact only 28 wickets were taken by the team across 6 games, was the defining factor of the season.



Credit must go to the coach Tim Reynolds for engendering a positive culture amongst the players. Special thanks must go to Myles Hannan for coordinating the catering and also taking some amazing photographs of the boys throughout the season.

## AW Green Shield Statistics

### Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Kaviru Karunaratne	6	6	2	239	2	-	64	59.75	-
Vivaan Bhosale	6	6	1	143	1	-	53*	28.60	2
Jacob Hanlon	6	5	-	137	1	-	75	27.40	-
Vincent Thornley	6	6	-	69	-	-	25	11.50	3
Ryan Sood	6	5	1	54	-	-	19	13.50	5/1
Toby Hannan	6	4	2	49	-	-	20*	24.50	3
Caden de Sayrah-Blood	5	3	-	31	-	-	19	10.33	1
George Verth	5	3	1	20	-	-	12	10.00	1
Amodh Sriram	6	2	1	19	-	-	19*	19.00	1
Syed Rayyan Kazmi	6	4	2	16	-	-	12*	8.00	-
Aqib Zayan Choorapulakkal	6	2	-	13	-	-	8	6.50	-
Saugat Pandey	4	3	-	13	-	-	9	4.33	1
Aryan Banker	6	3	-	6	-	-	5	2.00	-
Dhanvin Bajeev	3	1	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Amodh Sriram	39	5	172	6	-	28.67	4.41	2/30
Vivaan Bhosale	28	2	112	5	-	22.40	4.02	3/19
Toby Hannan	27	3	115	4	-	28.75	4.26	3/32
Saugat Pandey	16	1	62	3	-	20.67	3.88	1/9
Jacob Hanlon	13	-	67	2	-	33.50	5.15	2/33
George Verth	10	1	78	2	-	39.00	7.80	2/63
Aqib Zayan Choorapulakkal	27	2	98	2	-	49.00	3.54	1/15
Syed Rayyan Kazmi	37	2	139	2	-	69.50	3.76	1/22
Dhanvin Bajeev	2	-	11	1	-	11.00	5.50	1/11
Kaviru Karunaratne	7	1	45	1	-	45.00	6.43	1/26
Vincent Thornley	6	-	23	-	-	-	3.83	0/11



# Club Records

## Season Records

### First Grade

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

### 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: 581, B Johnson, 2024/25  
Batting Average: 48.42, B Johnson, 2024/25  
Highest Score: 107\*, B Johnson, 2024/25  
Bowling Aggregate: 29, S Mavros, 2023/24  
Bowling Average: 8.74, V Vinay, 2024/25

### 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: 456, B Robson, 2024/25  
Batting Average: 188.00, K Robson, 2024/25  
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  
F Nixon-Tomko, 207\*, 2024/25

### 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  
L Whitaker 2024/25

### 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
345 – J Campbell*	243 – G Sullivan
340 – J Callaghan	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	4,904 – T Jagot*
7,232 – N Taylor	4,877 – S Rodgie
6,611 – 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 <sup>st</sup>	259	A White (177) & R Duff (96)	Redfern	1906/07
2 <sup>nd</sup>	303	A Oberai (166*) & J Avendano (176)	Manly-Warringah	2016/17
3 <sup>rd</sup>	258	W Duff (120) & A Hopkins (137)	Central Cumberland	1898/99
4 <sup>th</sup>	261	T Jagot (125*) & A Crosthwaite (143*)	Sydney	2018/19
5 <sup>th</sup>	248	G Moore (139) & V Deane (122*)	Balmain	1909/10
6 <sup>th</sup>	205	R Minnett (181) & A Johnston (108)	Glebe	1910/11
7 <sup>th</sup>	183	F Iredale (150*) & S Redgrave (84)	Waverley	1904/05
8 <sup>th</sup>	181	A Punch (207) & C Armstrong (61*)	Petersham	1920/21
9 <sup>th</sup>	119	C Smith (157) & B Long (40)	Middle Harbour	1915/16
10 <sup>th</sup>	156	N Bills (96*) & J Campbell (53)	Bankstown	2012/13

## Australian Test Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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

## Sheffield Shield Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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

Dr H Hordern	G Horsfield	D Hughes	F Iredale	R Jeffrey
F Johnson	D Johnston	T Johnston	J Krejza	J Lenton
E Long	J Lush	C Macartney	S McCabe	S MacGill
P Marks	K Miller	L Minnett	R Minnett	F McElphone
G Moore	F Nolan	K O'Keeffe	W O'Reilly	R Osborne
N Phillips	L Poidevin	H Pratten	A Punch	K Quist
S Redgrave	P Shea	B Shepherd	G Spring	E Waddy
K Walters	H Whiddon	E White	A Wyatt	

## BBL Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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





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