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Distinguished Members & Office Bearers

Executive Committee

Ashley Perrott (President), Patrick Lindsay (Senior VP), Sarah Berman (Secretary), Cameron Herbert (Assistant Secretary), Adam Wayling (Treasurer), Alexander MacGill (Assistant Treasurer), Kathy Campbell, Bernadette Robson, Dale Quartey, Michael Lloyd, James Edwards, Evelyn McKay, Andre Maddocks

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 no changes to the Executive. We welcomed James Edwards, Evelyn McKay and Andre Maddocks to the committee and farewelled Chloe Blackwell, Callum Hill and Jimmy Greenslade. We thank Chloe, Callum and Jimmy for their service.

During the year Dale Quarthey resigned from UTS Sport and therefore as the UTS Delegate on our committee. He was replaced by Steph White and subsequently by Kaustav Karan. We thank Dale for his assistance over the past number of years.

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 – 75%
Sarah Berman – 100%
Adam Wayling – 75%
Cameron Herbert – 50%
Alex MacGill – 100%
Michael Lloyd – 75%
Bernadette Robson – 50%
Kathy Campbell – 50%
Dale Quarthey / Steph White / Kaustav Karan – 75%
Evy McKay – 75%
James Edwards – 63%
Andre Maddocks – 63%



President's Report

Ash Perrott

The 2025/26 season was a solid one for the clubs results overall, with particular improvement across the grades in the men's competition, together with continued strong development in our women's program. The Club made finals in 3 competitions – Men's Fourth Grade and Poidevin Gray, and Women's Third Grade. Congratulations to everyone involved with these teams on your contribution and achievement over the season.

There were also a number of great individual performances across the Club over the season, with numerous centuries and five-wicket hauls to celebrate. The standout among those was our First Grade batsman Justin Avendano with four centuries, helping to earn him the Bevyn White Cricketer of the Year award for the club, together with a place in the NSW Premier Cricket First Grade Merit Team, which is a fantastic achievement.

We had many new players make their debut with the club, both across the men's and women's competitions, which is great to welcome all those new players into our community.

On the field

Looking at the men's season overall, it was a year of substantial improvement across the Club, which saw us climb to 9th in the Club Championship from 16th the prior year. An excellent improvement and something to take great heart in and build from for the next season. As mentioned above, Fourth Grade reached finals, finishing fifth in the regular season, but were defeated by Easts in the quarter finals. Congratulations to Shiv Vohra who skippered the side

with great skill and passion, and the rest of the team on a great effort and campaign. A special mention also to Shiv who was the leading wicket taker for the whole Fourth Grade competition in the regular season.

Our Poidevin Gray team unfortunately bowed out in the quarter finals in a game where they were in a strong position to progress but where rain caused an abandonment of play. The team again put in some excellent performances, and I would like to thank Jamieson Hedges for his leadership of the team over the season.

The move up the Club Championship ladder would not have been possible without strong performances and improvement across all grades. This was particularly the case for First and Second Grade, with both teams finishing just one win out of the finals, and improving their ladder position significantly from the prior season. Both Third and Fifth Grade were also in the finals hunt right up to the end of the season, both also just falling short by a small margin.

I want to thank all our grade team captains, Mac Jenkins, Robbie Aitken, John Nevell, Shiv Vohra and Alex MacGill for their leadership and efforts over the season. Thanks also to Ryan Sood for 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 in driving the improvement across the grades, led by Simon Keen, and well supported by Warren Evans, Tim Reynolds and Dylan Marshall, along with Lachlan Dodd from UTS Sport.

Turning to the Women's competitions, our Women's Second Grade team were defending Premiers and started the season a little slowly following a fair few team changes coming into the new season, but

finished the year strongly in sixth position, just outside finals. Given the team changes and the young overall age of the team, they showed excellent growth and improvement over the year.

I also want to congratulate our Third grade team on making semi finals once again, just falling short of making it to the Grand Final, and thank Evy McKay for leading the team so well over the year. Thanks also to Lana Sredojevic who led our U18 Brewer Shield team over the season as they finished mid table and also showed great determination and improvement over the year.

A big thanks to everyone involved in our women's program, especially our coaching group of Petar Sredojevic, Robbie Aitken, Vinay Nair, Cameron Herbert, Anna Buckle Michelle Goszko, Shrey Parsania, Jamieson Hedges and Jahid Islam for their dedication at training and on match days to prepare the girls for success.

Additionally, 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, Steph, Lachlan and all of the team at UTS Sport.

We also continued our alliance with Roseville District Cricket Club in the Shires competition. This past season we deepened that relationship by establishing

the Roseville Fourth Grade team as a UTS North Sydney Sixth Grade team, allowing our young Bears to get experience in men's turf cricket in the shires competition, and help prepare them for premier cricket opportunities. Thanks to Michael, Mitch, and Rhydd, at Roseville 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 2025/26 UTS North Sydney continued the relationship with People + Culture Strategies, who became our major sponsor on playing and training kit, and also continued relationships with long standing sponsors Access Grants, Norths Collective and Kieser Cammeray. The Club also welcomed a new relationship with the Union Hotel, providing a fantastic venue for post training and match day get togethers, as well as special functions, serving as the Home of Bears cricket.

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, 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, especially Tim and Hamish Reynolds, who gave our junior players great guidance through 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

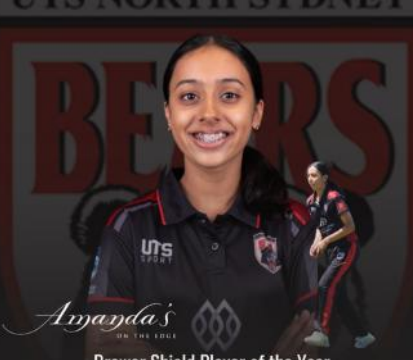
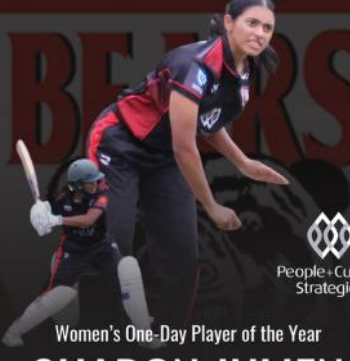
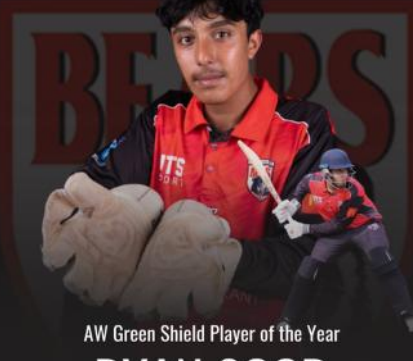
supporting their cricketing endeavours, and I thank everyone very much for that support.

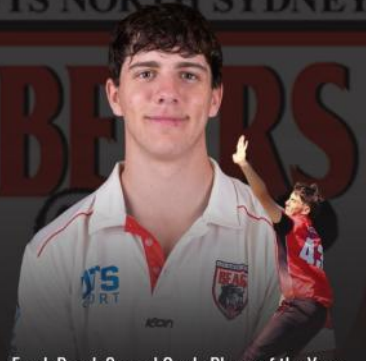
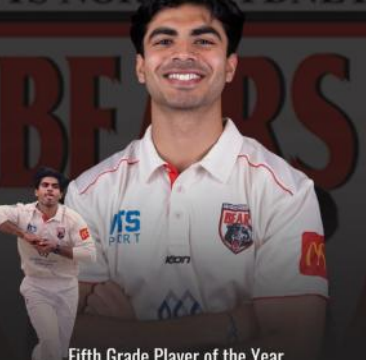
Sarah Berman's efforts as Club Secretary, scorer, and in general across both the men's and women's program, are indispensable. Huge credit is also due to our media team for their continued excellent work with our socials, to Kathy Campbell for running the best canteen in First Grade, Carla Austin and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

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 2026/27 season as we continue to aim to make UTS North Sydney the best club in Premier Cricket.

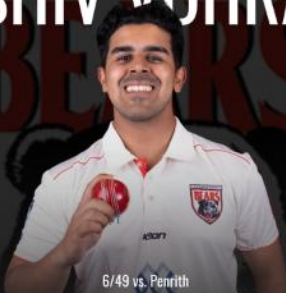
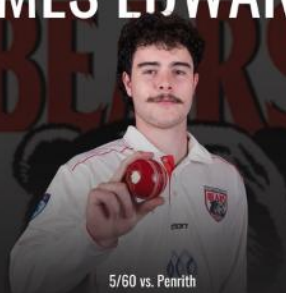
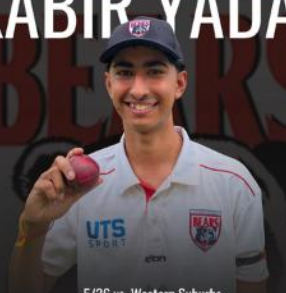
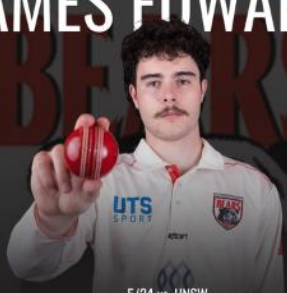
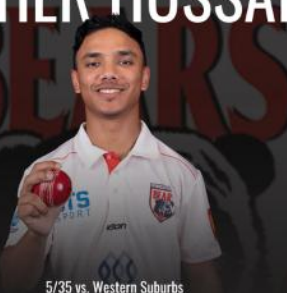
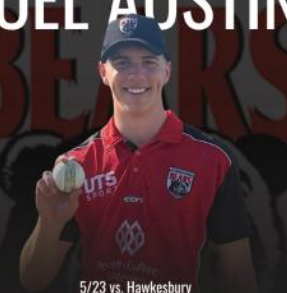


End of Season Awards

 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Women's Second Grade Player of the Year SHARON JULIEN 23 wickets @ 17.87, 216 runs @ 13.50, BB 5/26, HS 30, 7 catches ACCESS GRANTS UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Women's Third Grade Player of the Year ANU RAJ 265 runs @ 24.09, 5 catches, 3 stumpings, 4 run outs ACCESS GRANTS UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Brewer Shield Player of the Year ZAHRA DHILLON 29 wickets @ 11.69, 109 runs @ 15.57, BB 4/15, HS 23 ACCESS GRANTS UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL
 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Women's One-Day Player of the Year SHARON JULIEN 21 wickets @ 14.90, BB 5/26, 7 catches ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT UNION HOTEL	 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Women's T20 Player of the Year SHARON JULIEN 349 runs @ 43.63, 5 wickets @ 24.60, HS 103, BB 2/11 ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT UNION HOTEL	 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS AW Green Shield Player of the Year RYAN SOOD 222 runs @ 31.71, HS 94, 9 catches, 3 stumpings ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL
 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Poidevin-Gray Shield Player of the Year HAMISH REYNOLDS 305 runs @ 61.00, 10 wickets @ 25.80, HS 104*, BB 3/25 ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Men's One-Day Player of the Year MAC JENKINS 207 runs @ 34.50, 10 wickets @ 24.40, HS 50, BB 5/28 ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS Men's T20 Player of the Year HAMISH REYNOLDS 135 runs @ 45.00, 10 wickets @ 21.00, HS 104*, BB 3/25 ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL

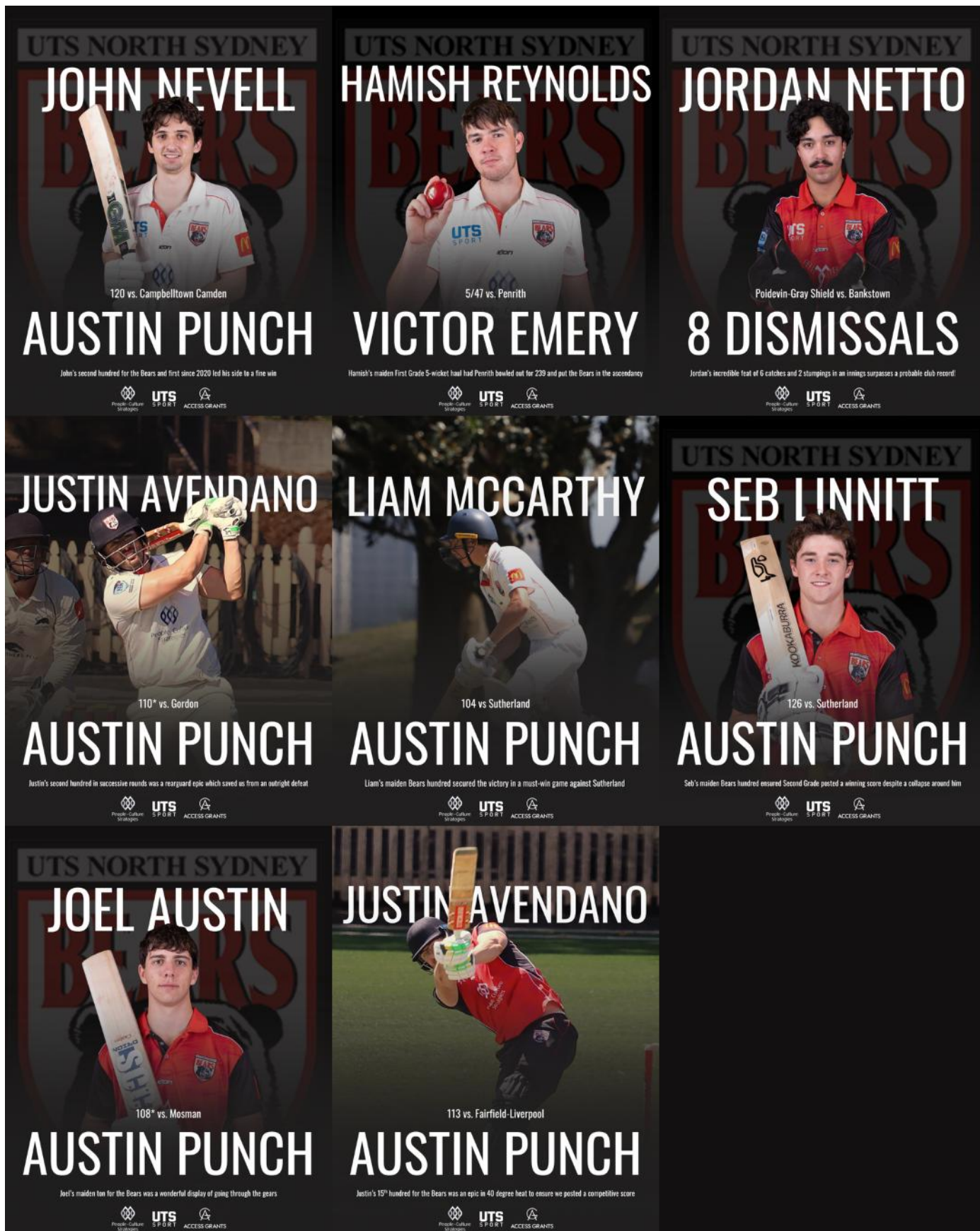
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 People+Culture Strategies Beyn White Cricketer of the Year JUSTIN AVENDANO 903 runs @ 43.53, 4 x 50, 4 x 100, HS 118, 10 catches ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT UNION HOTEL	 Clubperson of the Year CONOR HINGERTY The heart and soul of the club, demonstrating everything you'd want in a team-mate ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 Young Clubperson of the Year JAMES EDWARDS Selfless team player who always puts his hand up to help ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL
 ACCESS GRANTS Access Grants Bradman Medallist JUSTIN AVENDANO 748 runs @ 46.75, 4 x 100, 2 x 50, HS 118, 10 catches ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 Frank Punch Second Grade Player of the Year JOEL AUSTIN 439 runs @ 39.91, 16 wickets @ 18.50, 1 x 100, 2 x 50, HS 108*, 1 x 5W, BB 5/23, 7 catches ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 Doug Cole Third Grade Player of the Year JAMES EDWARDS 22 wickets @ 18.32, 2 x 5W, BB 5/24 ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL
 KIESER Fourth Grade Player of the Year SHIV VOHRA 31 wickets @ 19.58, 187 runs @ 13.36, 2 x 5W, BB 6/40, HS 47, 5 catches ACCESS GRANTS UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 Fifth Grade Player of the Year DAIVIK SAHNI 24 wickets @ 19.83, BB 4/150, 2 catches ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL	 Roseville Cricket Sixth Grade Players of the Year CONOR HINGERTY & ZAYAN CHOORAPULAKKAL 274 runs @ 30.44 18 wickets @ 22.89 ACCESS GRANTS KIESER UTS SPORT People+Culture Strategies UNION HOTEL

Season 100s (Austin Punch Club) and 5 Wicket Hauls (Victor Emery Club)

UTS NORTH SYDNEY SHIV VOHRA  6/49 vs. Penrith VICTOR EMERY Shiv's 6 wicket-haul and 6 maiden overs kept the Bears competitive against Penrith   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY JAMES EDWARDS  5/60 vs. Penrith VICTOR EMERY James produced his second 5-wicket haul of the season in Third grade, to halt Penrith at 229   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY LUKE AUSTIN  6/83 vs. Randwick Petersham VICTOR EMERY Luke's first 5-wicket haul for the Bears and our first 5-fa of the season   
UTS NORTH SYDNEY CHRIS HALLORAN  5/32 vs. Mosman VICTOR EMERY Chris ripped the heart out of the Mosman top order on his Bears Third Grade debut.   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY KABIR YADAV  5/36 vs. Western Suburbs VICTOR EMERY Kabir's first Bears 5-fa in his third Premier Cricket appearance inspired Fifth Grade to bowl Wests out for 148   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY JAMES EDWARDS  5/24 vs. UNSW VICTOR EMERY James's maiden Bears 5-wicket haul ensured Third Grade dismissed the Dons for 216   
UTS NORTH SYDNEY AKTHER HUSSAIN  5/35 vs. Western Suburbs VICTOR EMERY Akther's maiden 5-wicket haul for the Bears ensured a big win for Fourth Grade   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY LIAM WHITAKER  5/63 vs. Campbelltown Camden VICTOR EMERY Liam's first Second Grade 5-fa for the Bears ensured we bowled the Ghosts out for a chaseable 253   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY JOEL AUSTIN  5/23 vs. Hawkesbury VICTOR EMERY A dominant performance with the ball to set Second Grade up for the victory!   

SHARON JULIEN  5/26 vs. Campbelltown Camden VICTOR EMERY Sharon's five-wicket haul spearheaded us bowling the Ghosts out for 85 and set up a strong Second Grade win   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS DAVE DUBEY  5/26 vs. Mosman VICTOR EMERY A performance which changed the course of the match, including only our fourth ever PGs hat-trick!   	EVANDER HERBERT  6/88 vs. Sydney University VICTOR EMERY Evander's second successive haul of 6 wickets or more ensured a big win and a finals berth for 4s   
UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS SCOTT DANIELS  5/54 vs. Gordon VICTOR EMERY Scott's maiden Bears 5-wicket haul almost secured a seemingly unwinable reverse outright for 3s   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS LACHLAN SPENCER  6/47 vs. Gordon VICTOR EMERY Lachlan's third six-wicket haul for the club blew Gordon away for just 77!   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS EVANDER HERBERT  7/59 vs. Gordon VICTOR EMERY Evander's maiden Bears 5-wicket haul was a big one – and secured an outright victory!   
UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS SHIV VOHRA  5/44 vs. Sutherland VICTOR EMERY A second 5-wicket haul on the spin for our Fourth Grade captain kept his side in the contest   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS MAC IFNKINS  5/28 vs. Sydney VICTOR EMERY Mac's second Bears five-wicket haul was instrumental to a big win for First Grade   	UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS JADEN SFQUEIRA  5/36 vs. UNSW VICTOR EMERY Jaden's second 5-wicket haul for the Bears came from 10 straight overs opening the bowling   





Milestones

Justin Avendano

20 First Grade 100s
7,000 North Sydney First Grade Runs

James Campbell

350 North Sydney First Grade Wickets

Timothy Reynolds

3,000 North Sydney First Grade Runs

Michael Lloyd

4,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

Mac Jenkins

2,000 North Sydney First Grade Runs
100 North Sydney First Grade Matches

Finn Nixon-Tomko

3,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

Dilraj Singh

2,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

Jamieson Hedges

150 North Sydney Premier Cricket wickets

Hamish Reynolds

100 North Sydney Premier Cricket wickets

Naman Batish

1,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket runs

Jack Feilen

1,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

Jordan Netto

1,000 North Sydney Premier Cricket Runs

Representatives and Honours

NSW Metro Under 16

Ameera Sodhi
Sharon Julien

NSW U15 Female State Challenge

Akshadha Uppili

NSW Female Masters

Bernie Robson
Rina Hore

NSW Under 22 Indoor

Kayla Robson

NSW Under 18 Indoor

Abigail Aitken
Alice Hancock
Ekmehar Sidhu
Prarthana Uppili

NSW Under 16 Indoor

Akshadha Uppili

SCA First Grade Merit XII

Justin Avendano

Brewer Shield Leading Wicket Taker

Zahra Dillon

Fourth Grade Leading Wicket Taker

Shivam Vohra

Poidevin-Gray Leading Run Scorer

Hamish Reynolds

Avendano Joins the 7,000 Club and Returns to the Merit XII

Patrick Lindsay

When Justin Avendano crossed from Gordon to North Sydney ahead of the 2012/13 season, the Bears knew they were signing a striker of rare ball-hitting ability. What they could not have known was that, more than a decade on, he would still be piling up runs at the top of the order and steadily rewriting the club's record books. The 2025/26 season delivered two more landmarks: Avendano sailed past 7,000 First Grade runs for UTS North Sydney, and he was named in the Sydney Cricket Association's First Grade Merit XII, the competition's official team of the year.



A rare club

Reaching 7,000 First Grade runs for a single club is the preserve of a select few, and Avendano's march to the figure has been both relentless and remarkably consistent. He brought up 4,000 with an unbeaten, match-winning 126 against Western Suburbs,

becoming only the 20th Bear in the club's long history in grade cricket to reach that mark. He passed 5,000 during the 2021/22 season — the 12th North Sydney player to do so — in the middle of a sensational run of form, having opened that campaign with 294 runs in his first four innings. By the time he reached 6,000, in a T20 fixture against Sydney University, he had climbed to seventh on the club's all-time First Grade run-scoring list.



Having now stretched his tally to 7,323 First Grade runs, Avendano sits fourth on North Sydney's all-time list — a position that places him firmly among the most prolific batsmen ever to wear the Bears cap. It is a body of work built across more than 170 First Grade appearances and 20 career First Grade centuries (18 of which for the club) — the product of both longevity and an appetite for the big innings that has rarely dimmed. Each visit to the crease nudges him further up a list populated by genuine club greats.

Merit XII recognition

Selection in the SCA First Grade Merit XII is among the highest individual honours available in Sydney's premier club competition, recognising the standout

performers across all twenty clubs over the course of a season. For Avendano, it is familiar territory: he was first named in the First Grade Merit XII back in 2021/22, a campaign in which he amassed 836 runs at an astonishing average of 76. To earn the honour again in 2025/26, several seasons later, speaks volumes about the durability of his output and his standing among the competition's elite batsmen. Few players sustain that level of performance over a single season, let alone return to the Merit XII years apart.



Going large

Avendano has always been a destructive batsman with a habit of "going large" once set. When he gets in, opposition bowlers tend to pay heavily. His top score of 190 came against Penrith in 2016/17, in a mammoth run chase in which the Bears fell agonisingly short. That same season produced one of the club's defining innings: his 176 against Manly-Warringah formed the backbone of a record-shattering chase of 444, anchored by a club-record 303-run third-wicket partnership with Anjan Oberai. His big-match temperament has shown up in finals, too. In the rain-affected 2018/19 semi-final against Penrith, he made an undefeated 143 to give North Sydney a fighting chance in a shortened game. And for sheer power, few innings rival his 171 from 122

balls in 2021/22 — an exhibition of clean striking that featured 11 fours, 11 sixes and any number of balls lost beyond the boundary.

Beyond First Grade

Avendano's value to the Bears extends well past his run tally. He captained the First Grade side for five seasons and was a member of the club's premierships-winning one-day cup outfit, contributing leadership and stability through a sustained period of success. His talent has also been recognised at the professional level. A Big Bash League batter with both the Sydney Sixers and the Melbourne Stars, Avendano has played 19 BBL matches — including the 2022 Grand Final — and was part of back-to-back Sixers title triumphs. His reputation as one of the cleanest hitters in the country was sealed in a Sixers Academy match in November 2018, when he struck six sixes in a single over on his way to 122 from just 63 balls.

Averages and legacy

Across his First Grade career for North Sydney, Avendano now averages 39.80 — a figure that reflects not just the volume of his run-making but the rate at which it has come. He has long been a batsman opposition captains plan their innings around, and the numbers bear that out.

Now in his thirties, Avendano shows little sign of slowing. Every innings adds to a tally that already ranks among the very best in the club's history, and the Merit XII selection confirms he remains one of the most dangerous top-order batsmen in the competition. The Bears have been fortunate to watch one of NSW Premier Cricket's most thrilling strikers ply his trade in their colours for well over a decade — and on current form, there are plenty more milestones still to come.

Old Bears' & Sponsors' Day

Sarah Berman

On 28 February, UTS North Sydney held its annual Old Bears' and Sponsors' Day with former players and sponsors joining a reception in the Mollie Dive Stand at North Sydney Oval during Day 1 of the First Grade match against Sydney University.



James Campbell, Sam Perry, Luke Hyland, Chris Thomas, Andrew White

The day was an opportunity for old Bears to come together and continue to connect with the club. It was great to have a mix of former Bears attend covering every decade from the 1970s to 2010s, including The Grade Cricketer's Sam Perry, who probably collected some material while chatting with our players in the Union Hotel afterwards! Notable other attendees included Doug Cole, who was President between 1979 and 1990 and Secretary between 2005 and 2008, and David Rodgie, who succeeded Doug as Secretary and played in the 1970s and 1980s. Also present was proud dad, Chris Thomas, a former Bears player whose son, Aidan, made his First Grade debut on the day. All enjoyed the opportunity to relive their playing days while watching a quality tussle between the Bears and Students!

Sponsors present included Joydeep Hor, Founder and Managing Principal of, People + Culture Strategies, our major sponsor, as well as Sam Colless, Manager at UTS Sport and Rod Campbell from Access Grants. The crowd was treated to a fine day's cricket with the Bears in trouble early but ending proceedings on top. We lost four wickets in the first session to be 4/98 at the lunch break with Hamish Reynolds, in his first outing as opener, showing strong resistance with 35, and Sydney Uni's Kieran Tate taking three poles. But this brought together Justin Avendano and Jordan Netto, who put on 96 and were still together at tea. Jordan made 52 including five 4s and two 6s before falling lbw to Sydney Uni's spinner, Cameron Frendo, bringing Jamieson Hedges to the crease.



James Wilkinson, Doug Cole's brother, Kevin Davidson, Doug Cole



Craig Hodges, Matt White, Mick McKeand

plenty to cheer about as the Bears finished the day on 6/292 with Jamieson 51*.

The Bears wrapped up victory the following week, though not without a scare, posting 386 and holding the Students to 340 as they went hard at the target. Jamieson Hedges was the star of the second day, making his highest First Grade score of 99 and taking 3/67 off 19 overs.

It was brilliant to see Old Bears' and Sponsors' Day so well supported, and we look forward to a bigger and even better event in 2027!

Justin and Jamieson batted almost to the close, adding a further 102. Justin reached his 18th hundred for the Bears and 20th at First Grade level for all clubs, off 175 balls. It was a chanceless innings which went through the gears perfectly, and ended only a few minutes before the close with a catch on the boundary. His 118 off 186 balls gave the old boys



First Grade Report

Sarah Berman

There are seasons defined by silverware, and seasons defined by something harder to put on an honour board — and 2025/26 was, for our First Grade, a season of the second kind. We finished tenth of twenty in the Belvidere Cup and bowed out of the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup at the pool stage, and yet this was a summer rich in individual brilliance, in the bleeding of the next generation, and in the kind of fine margins that, had a few fallen our way, would have told a very different story.



Jordan Netto defends on the off-side

The season opened with the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup, and it began in the best possible fashion. At Bankstown in the first round, Justin Avendano produced a masterclass, making an unbeaten 99 to guide us home with two balls to spare. It proved, however, a false dawn for the short-form campaign. Drawn in a tough pool, we couldn't back it up: UNSW and Mosman both chased us down, and Manly Warringah's monstrous 4/229 — Charlie Stobo and Oliver Davies teeing off at will — was simply too much on the day. Tim Reynolds flew the flag with a brilliant 86 not out against UNSW and a punchy 66 against Mosman, but one win from four left us fifth in the pool and out of the running.

The Belvidere Cup told a more layered tale. We stumbled out of the blocks: in Round 2, a commanding 5/308 — built on Reynolds' 80, Avendano's 78 and a brisk fifty from skipper Mac Jenkins — somehow wasn't enough, Hawkesbury's Jack James cutting loose for an unbeaten 124 to chase it down. A week later, 8/266 went the same way against Manly. Two rounds, two scores beyond 265, two losses; it was that kind of start.



But the side steadied. Round 4 brought our first win, a thumping first-innings result over Campbelltown Camden built around 86 from Jack Feilen and 83 from Jenkins. Round 5 was better still: against Western Suburbs' 218, Reynolds (104 not out) and Finn Nixon-Tomko (94) put on 166 for the second wicket to all but win the game on their own. And in Round 7 came our most complete performance of the year, a mountainous 369 — Nixon-Tomko 91, Hedges a typically muscular 79 — before Harri Lee-young's 4/29 helped roll Mosman for 227.

The middle of the season offered genuine hope. Mac Jenkins' five-for set up a five-wicket win over Sydney in Round 10, and we backed it up by chasing down UNSW in Round 11 to climb within sight of the contenders. The defining fortnight came soon after. Against Penrith we pushed hard for an outright result — Avendano's 101 and Reynolds' 5/47 earning first-innings points before we declared and went after the win, set roughly 125 in a thrilling fifteen-over dash. We fell agonisingly short at 7/93, and when the

following two-dayer against Gordon also slipped away, our realistic hopes of finals went with it.

To the side's enormous credit, there was no surrender once the equation no longer favoured us. In the final round we produced perhaps our innings of the summer, Avendano's fourth century (118) and a heartbreaking 99 from Hedges lifting us to 386. Sydney University needed an outright result to play finals and could not settle for a draw; they chased hard, but we held them to 340 — ending their season just as we signed off our own on a high. It was, fittingly, a summer of cruel near-misses — Avendano's 99 not out in the T20 opener, Nixon-Tomko's 94, Hedges' 99 in the finale — that somehow never dulled the group's appetite for the contest.



Tim Reynolds attacks

Through all of it, one man stood apart. Justin Avendano enjoyed a season for the ages, amassing 748 runs at almost 47 and reaching three figures on four separate occasions — 113 against Fairfield-Liverpool, 101 against Penrith, an unbeaten 110 against Gordon and a commanding 118 in the final round against Sydney University. It was a body of work that earned him selection in the Cricket NSW First Grade Merit XII, and along the way he passed a remarkable run of milestones: his 20th First Grade century, his 7000th First Grade run, and a rise to fourth on North Sydney's all-time First Grade run-scoring list. For his efforts he was a runaway winner

of the Access Grants Bradman Medal as our First Grade Player of the Season and the club-wide Bevyn White Cricketer of the Year award. To watch him bat this summer was a genuine privilege.

If Avendano was the headline, the bowling group ensured we were rarely without a fight. Hamish Reynolds led the way with 26 wickets, his 5/47 against Penrith (his maiden 5-for at the top grade) the pick of them, while captain Jenkins (20 wickets, including a superb 5/28 to demolish Sydney) and the indefatigable Fergus Fergusson (20) shouldered enormous workloads through the long days. Jamieson Hedges, announced himself as a genuine all-rounder— 25 wickets to go with 417 runs — while Harri Lee-young (15 wickets) and James Campbell (13) rounded out a deep and willing attack. At the top of the order and behind the stumps, Jordan Netto was a livewire, his 506 runs studded with 18 sixes, and Nixon-Tomko's 482 made him a model of top-order consistency.



Quick single to Jamieson Hedges

If there was a recurring frustration, it was a tendency to be run down in the one-day rounds. Avendano's first century of the summer, a fine 113 against Fairfield-Liverpool, counted for little when Brent Williams answered with an unbeaten hundred of his own to steer the chase home; and there were other afternoons, Hawkesbury chief among them, when a competitive total or a winning position was let slip in

the final hour. Tightening those closing stages, with the ball and in the field, looms as the clearest priority for the summer ahead.

Beneath the results lay a more important story: the future. No fewer than nine players pulled on the First Grade cap for the first time across the two competitions — Dave Dubey, Jack Feilen, Tony Cornwell, Liam Whitaker, Dilraj Singh, Joel Austin, Aaryan Dixit, Jaden Sequeira and Aidan Thomas — several of them graduating from our junior and lower-grade ranks. Blooding that many newcomers at the top level is rarely painless, but it is exactly how a club builds for the long term, and the contributions of Feilen (241 runs, including that 86 against Campbelltown) and others suggest the production line is in fine health.

There were milestones aplenty beyond Avendano's, too. Stalwart seamer James Campbell brought up his 350th First Grade wicket, a monument to years of dependable service, while Jenkins moved past 2,000

First Grade runs to complement his 20 wickets, leading from the front in every sense of the phrase.

A season like this is held together off the field as much as on it. Our thanks go to Stuart MacGill, who coached the side through the front half of the campaign before stepping away. His expertise and presence were greatly valued during his time with the group. We are indebted, too, to scorer Sarah Berman for her meticulous work week in and week out; to Kathy Campbell, who has kept the North Sydney Oval canteen humming; and to photographer Tony Johnston, whose images captured the summer so beautifully.

Tenth place will not satisfy a club with our history and ambitions. But in Avendano's brilliance, in a hard-working and improving attack, and above all in a clutch of debutants cutting their teeth at the highest level, there is a great deal to build on. The margins were unkind this summer; with a little more polish in the close finishes, this is a group that can climb the table quickly. Onwards and upwards for 2026/27.



First Grade Statistics – One and Two-Day Cricket

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Justin Avendano	15	18	2	748	2	4	118	46.75	10
Timothy Reynolds	15	18	1	534	2	1	104*	31.41	10
Jordan Netto	15	17	4	506	5	-	69	38.92	26/1
Finn Nixon-Tomko	14	17	-	482	3	-	94	28.35	2
Jamieson Hedges	15	16	2	417	2	-	99	29.79	5
Mac Jenkins	14	15	1	413	2	-	83	29.50	6
Jack Feilen	8	10	1	241	1	-	86	26.78	2
Harrison Lee-Young	12	14	4	170	-	-	29	17.00	4
Hamish Reynolds	15	12	5	141	-	-	35	20.14	2
Fergus Fergusson	15	10	5	120	-	-	34	24.00	6
Tony Cornwell	5	5	-	56	-	-	22	11.20	4
Aaryan Dixit	4	4	-	40	-	-	22	10.00	3
Dilraj Singh	1	2	-	31	-	-	31	15.50	-
Joel Austin	4	3	1	11	-	-	7*	5.50	2
Aidan Thomas	1	1	-	3	-	-	3	3.00	1
James Campbell	8	2	2	2	-	-	2*	-	4
Jaden Sequeira	1	1	-	0	-	-	0	0.00	-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Hamish Reynolds	127.2	13	637	26	1	24.50	5.00	5/47
Jamieson Hedges	175.2	24	783	25	-	31.32	4.47	4/46
Mac Jenkins	133.5	26	492	20	1	24.60	3.68	5/28
Fergus Fergusson	137.1	15	688	20	-	34.40	5.02	3/34
Harrison Lee-Young	68.5	5	415	15	-	27.67	6.03	4/29
James Campbell	94.2	13	371	13	-	28.54	3.93	3/31
Finn Nixon-Tomko	31	1	182	3	-	60.67	5.87	2/63
Jaden Sequeira	11	1	31	1	-	31.00	2.82	1/31
Liam Whitaker	10	-	48	1	-	48.00	4.80	1/48
Aaryan Dixit	15	2	51	1	-	51.00	3.40	1/27
Hugh Sherriff	2	-	36	0	-	-	18.00	0/36
Joel Austin	5	-	28	0	-	-	5.60	0/10

First Grade Statistics – T20 Cricket

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Timothy Reynolds	4	4	1	189	2	-	86*	63.00	2
Justin Avendano	4	4	1	155	2	-	99*	51.67	-
Mac Jenkins	4	4	-	78	-	-	32	19.50	1
Dave Dubey	4	4	-	48	-	-	32	12.00	2
Jamieson Hedges	4	3	-	40	-	-	15	13.33	-
Finn Nixon-Tomko	4	4	1	40	-	-	22	13.33	2
Jordan Netto	4	4	2	19	-	-	14	9.50	3
Harrison Lee-Young	4	2	1	11	-	-	10*	11.00	-
Hamish Reynolds	4	2	-	3	-	-	2	1.50	2
James Campbell	3	1	1	0	-	-	0*	-	1

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Jamieson Hedges	15	-	145	5	-	29.00	9.67	2/25
Hamish Reynolds	14.3	-	153	5	-	30.60	10.55	2/29
Dave Dubey	7	-	69	3	-	23.00	9.86	2/23
Harrison Lee-Young	5	-	50	2	-	25.00	10.00	2/24
Finn Nixon-Tomko	4	-	39	2	-	19.50	9.75	2/25
Fergus Fergusson	4	-	28	2	-	14.00	7.00	2/28
James Campbell	7.4	-	64	1	-	64.00	8.35	1/31
Mac Jenkins	12	-	125	0	-	-	10.42	0/28



Men's Second Grade Report

Robbie Aitken

It was abundantly clear that this year's UTS North Sydney men's second grade side would be in contention for finals long before a ball was bowled. The squad was deep, balanced, and full of talent, and the energy around the group in pre-season suggested we were building towards something special. As the season unfolded, that belief proved well-founded—although, as cricket tends to remind us, things don't always follow the script.



Jaden Sequeira receives the applause from the team for his 5-wicket haul

We put ourselves in a strong position heading into the final round, sitting just outside the top six but riding a wave of momentum after four consecutive wins. We were playing excellent cricket, and with a match-up against Sydney University—the team that had just jumped us with an outright win—our destiny appeared to be in our own hands. Or so we thought.

The coin was tossed into the air on the thatchy, soft University No.1 surface. It bounced, skidded, and then began to roll. Not a short roll, mind you, but a good six or seven metres—I'm certain that Aidan Thomas would insist it was at least that had he been there rather than in First Grade. For a moment it looked like

it might stay upright, wedged in the spongy couch of the wicket, before it slowly tilted to one side at about 40 degrees. Destiny, it turned out, was not in our hands after all. It was in the hands of an ill-balanced umpire's anniversary coin. Who could have guessed the heads side was minutely heavier? Along with our hopes, it ended up face-down on a rain-affected, underprepared Uni deck.

It is vexing that a season's toil can come down to the toss of a coin—but they say it's character-building. Right? I suppose I'll call tails next time I see one of those coins.

In the final wash-up, we finished 7th on 56 points, with 9 wins, 2 bonus points, and 6 losses. Ten wins usually secures a finals berth, and we came tantalisingly close. As with any season, there were ups and downs, but from my point of view this was one of the most enjoyable groups I've ever been part of. The blend of youth and experience, the depth of our batting and bowling, and the sheer quality of the young men in the team made it a privilege to lead. At times the batting order felt impossible to set and the bowling options impossible to fully utilise—a very good problem to have.



Seb Linnitt on his way to 126 against Sutherland, the team's highest individual score of the season

Statistically, we lost 114 wickets (6th fewest), took 140 wickets (7th most), scored 3533 runs, and conceded 3446. But numbers only tell part of the story. One of the defining features of this group was its attitude. Injured players like Lachie Stewart and Prosha Rahman ran drinks with the enthusiasm of men playing for a contract. The harmony within the squad was exceptional—determined, supportive, and genuinely connected. Even our “young” players, including Tony Cornwell (who is still young compared to the captain), carried themselves with maturity beyond their years. This was a team of high-quality people first, and high-quality cricketers second.



Tony Cornwell in full flow

Second Grade cricket is never short on drama, and this season certainly delivered. The side wickets at Bon Andrews became a recurring adventure—between five-wicket hauls and near-death experiences for drivers on the Warringah Freeway, the kit somehow finished the season with only three cricket balls left. Lost balls became a weekly theme, and our ancient, painted warm-up balls often resembled sponges more than cricket balls. Across the season there were several moments that ultimately proved costly in our push for finals. A handful of dropped catches against Randwick

Petersham allowed a partnership to build far beyond what it should have, shifting the momentum of a match we had otherwise controlled. At St George, a flurry of late sixes pushed their total just out of reach, turning what could have been a comfortable chase into an uphill battle. We also felt the impact of an inconsistent playing group, with injuries and well-deserved First Grade promotions forcing regular changes to the XI. While these disruptions are part of Premier Cricket, they undeniably affected our rhythm at key points. These moments didn't define our season, but they did shape the fine margins that separated us from finals cricket.

Despite the near misses, the season was filled with genuine highlights that showcased the depth and quality of the squad. Our batting lineup delivered four outstanding centuries—one each to Joel Austin, Dilraj Singh, Seb Linnitt, and Aaryan Dixit—each innings reflecting composure, skill, and match-winning intent.



Joel Austin after his 5-fa

With the ball, we celebrated five-wicket hauls from Luke Austin, Liam Whitaker, Jaden Sequeira, and Joel, performances that turned games and demonstrated the strength of our attack. Perhaps most pleasing was

seeing so many of our players earn First Grade debuts: Liam, Joel, Aaryan, Tony, Jack Feilen, Dilraj, Jaden, and Aidan Thomas all stepped up to the top level this season. Their progression is a testament not only to their talent, but to the environment this group created—competitive, supportive, and committed to improvement. These achievements shaped our season and pointed toward a future full of potential.

A huge thank you must go to Carla Austin and David Nevell for everything you did this season—from scoring and FrogBox to keeping the boys going with drinks and lollies. You were both genuinely part of the team, and the environment you helped create made a real difference to our performances.



Another wicket for 2s at Bon Andrews

Match overview

The wins:

- **Round 2:** 8 wicket T20 win against Hawks where Joel snared 5 for 23 to give us an early mark from Benson's Lane. Some incredible catches were taken.
- **Round 4:** A patient run chase (Tony 83, Mitch 81, Robbie 41*) against Campbelltown after grinding hard with the ball (Liam 5/63 off 33.3 overs) saw us take the points.
- **Round 5:** A demolition of Wests with the ball by Jaden and Luke after the batters toughed it out

after getting the worst of the conditions. A very rewarding result!

- **Round 7:** A one day century for Joel, with some good support from others (Aaryan 65 and Robbie 59*), saw us clock up 300 against Mosman. The spinners, led by Whits (4/56), ensured the opposition fell short by 43 runs.
- **Round 9:** A century by Aaryan (118*) and contributions (Dilraj 76, Robbie 48) from all the batters saw us set 345 from our 50 overs against Fairfield. They came out swinging and only fell 22 runs short after being contained by our bowlers (Robbie 3/53 off 10).
- **Round 11:** We thrashed UNSW after Jaden (5/36) and Luke (3/41) skittled their batters. Tony (48*) and Seb (24*) made short work of the 97 set for us to chase. Early marks for everyone!
- **Round 12:** The match at Waverley was washed out after we knocked over the Easts top 3 and the umpire made off with our precious match ball in the deluge.
- **Round 13:** Penrith didn't stand a chance after we posted 6/381d. We probably could have gone on to score 500 on a surprising well playing green top. There was a parade of run scorers (Seb 54, Joel 82, Robbie 77, James A 42*) but Dilraj was the star of the show with an untroubled 105. Liam led the bowling with 3 for 36 and Joel and Jaden chipped in with a couple each to leave Penrith 213 runs adrift.
- **Round 14:** Seb (126) and Dilraj (77) were superb against Sutherland. Not a good idea to drop short to either of these chaps. The boys from the Shire never got close as Whit took 3 for 32 and Luke, James A and Aaryan chipped in with a couple each.
- **Round 15:** Gordon won the toss and immediately began to crumble after Jaden skittled two blokes in his first over. He and Whit finished with 3 wickets apiece and we were set 127. After

limping past the total, we chucked them back in to bat as a few teams below us were chasing outright. Jaden and Whit repeated a dose of 3 wicket hauls before Gordon set us an unlikely total. We had a crack at the outright with the bat, but the laundry list of injuries and the runs required equation proved too difficult in the end.



The safe hands of James Aitken bag yet another catch

The losses:

- **Round 1:** A 30-run loss to Parra in the first T20 round. Parra schooled us in how to play on a side wicket, targeting the short side with the bat and executing yorker after yorker to shut down a hundred run partnership (Jack 64 and Dilraj 63) in our chase.
- **Round 3:** Manly got away from us with the bat and put on a 200 run partnership, followed by a late 6 hitting onslaught that left us chasing 345. We ended up falling 47 runs short after a great opening stand from Jack (90) and Dilraj (62) gave us a platform to be in the chase.
- **Round 6:** Butter fingers against Randwick cost us the win, despite an outstanding performance

from Luke (6 /83 off 17) and an impressive 80 from Seb.



Luke Austin celebrates his 6-fa at Coogee Oval

- **Round 8:** The batting didn't fire after St George set us a target of 296, with Seb (69) and Robbie (53) giving us a bit of a sniff at victory.
- **Round 10:** We were humbled by Sydney (or Balmain to the old folks). The Bears were never in the hunt with the bat after restricting them to 263 with the ball (Jaden 3/45 and Robbie 3/41).
- **Round 16:** Lost the toss against Sydney Uni on a deck that looked like a failing undergrad horticulture student's half-finished group assignment after the week's rain. Joel (45), Tony (27) and Lachie (27) offered stout resistance, but we would need plenty of early wickets with a modest total of 140. Jaden and Whit gave us a bit of a sniff, but we were never in the hunt with an improving wicket. We were sent back in and our batters showed Uni just how lucky they were to win the toss as Aaryan (66) and Joel (80) belted their military mediums around the campus.

Men's Second Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Dilraj Singh	15	15	-	505	4	1	105	33.67	6
Seb Linnitt	12	13	1	489	3	1	126	40.75	8
Joel Austin	12	13	2	439	2	1	108*	39.91	7
Robert Aitken	16	14	5	406	3	-	77	45.11	7
Tony Cornwell	11	13	2	363	1	-	83	33.00	9
Aaryan Dixit	9	9	1	276	2	1	118*	34.50	4
Jack Feilen	7	6	-	223	2	-	90	37.17	2
Samad Khan	4	4	2	107	-	-	46*	53.50	1
John Nevell	9	7	-	98	-	-	20	14.00	11/2
Luke Austin	13	8	3	70	-	-	18	14.00	3
James Aitken	7	5	1	70	-	-	42*	17.50	4
Aidan Thomas	6	4	-	65	-	-	30	16.25	1
Lachlan Stewart	8	7	5	50	-	-	27	25.00	8/1
Prosha Rahman	9	5	2	25	-	-	14	8.33	2

Also batted: Prosha Rahman (25 runs @ 8.33), Jaden Sequeira (21 runs @ 5.25), Liam Whitaker (18 runs @ 3), James Edwards (7 runs, undischarged), Fergus Fergusson (4 runs @ 4), Harrison Davis (4 runs @ 4).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Jaden Sequeira	132	31	489	29	1	16.86	3.70	5/36
Liam Whitaker	177.2	48	573	26	1	22.04	3.23	5/63
Luke Austin	120	7	561	22	1	25.50	4.68	6/83
Joel Austin	83	15	296	16	1	18.50	3.57	5/23
Robert Aitken	47.5	7	194	9	-	21.56	4.06	3/41
Aaryan Dixit	46	3	234	8	-	29.25	5.09	2/28
Prosha Rahman	67.1	6	346	7	-	49.43	5.15	2/58
Dilraj Singh	29	1	140	4	-	35.00	4.83	2/21
Seb Linnitt	12.1	4	34	3	-	11.33	2.79	2/15
James Aitken	29	5	115	2	-	57.50	3.97	2/23

Also bowled: Sam Bear (2 wickets for 8 runs), Samad Khan (1 wicket for 58 runs), Fergus Fergusson (1 wicket for 23 runs), James Edwards (1 wicket for 189 runs), Hugh Sherriff (1 wicket for 36 runs).

Men's Third Grade Report

Patrick Lindsay

Eleventh out of twenty, with six wins, eight losses, a tie and a washout, doesn't leap off the page — but it rather undersells a season in which our Third Grade played a brand of cricket that was, more often than not, worth the entry money. We were in almost every contest we played, produced individual performances to rival anyone in the competition, and only a handful of agonising near-misses stood between a mid-table finish and a genuine tilt at the top six. There is plenty here to build on.



4 runs to Dion Joll

We could hardly have asked for a better start. In the opening-round T20 against Parramatta, John Nevell came out swinging for a 29-ball 59 and Samad Khan backed him with a punchy 55, and a target of 152 was knocked off with overs to spare. It set the tone for what Nevell would do whenever he was available: in Round 4 against Campbelltown Camden he produced the innings of our season, a magnificent 120 at the top of a 155-run opening stand with Aaryan Dixit (62), as we ran down a daunting 321 on the first innings. Across just four matches Nevell amassed 202 runs at 67 — a reminder of the class he brings at third grade level.

If there was a recurring theme to the season, though, it was the cruelty of the margins. Round 2 at Hawkesbury slipped away by two runs, despite Samad Khan (3/16) and Flynn Taylor (3/33) doing their work and Seb Linnitt top-scoring with 45. But nothing matched Round 9 against Fairfield-Liverpool. Chasing 203 after Brett Newman's 109 had set the home side up, we fought all the way to the final ball — only to be run out going for the run that would have won it, the innings closing on exactly 202. A tie. You don't see many of those, and few who were there will forget it in a hurry.

Where we consistently held our own was with the ball, and the season belonged in no small part to James Edwards. His 22 wickets at 18 led the attack from start to finish, decorated by two five-wicket hauls — 5/24 to dismantle UNSW and 5/60 against Penrith — and he was superbly supported by the tireless Scott Daniels, whose 18 wickets came at barely four an over. Chris Halloran announced himself with the spell of the season in Round 7, his 5/32 rolling Mosman for just 90 before we scrambled home by two wickets, while left arm spinners Evander Herbert (11 wickets at an economy of 3.44) and Robin Atwal (8 wickets at 3.12 an over) gave the captain control whenever it was needed. Those efforts underpinned satisfying wins over Manly Warringah — set up by Benjamin Champion's unbeaten 49 and four dismissals behind the stumps — as well as Sydney and Sutherland, the latter chased down with three wickets to spare.



Evander Herbert

The fight in the group was perhaps best captured in the Round 15 two-dayer against Gordon. Bowled out for a meagre 81 on the opening day and trailing on the first innings, lesser sides would have folded. Instead we came out swinging in the second dig — Sam Bear leading the charge with a breathtaking 79 from 52 balls, including seven sixes, as we declared at 8/303 — and then very nearly bowled them out to steal an unlikely outright, Scott Daniels (5/54) reducing Gordon to eight wickets down before they clung on for the draw. Two wickets short of a remarkable heist; it summed up a side that never quite knew when it was beaten.



Max Palmer turns one on the on-side

For all the firepower of the one-off performances, our most valuable players were the ones who turned up week after week. Benjamin Champion was the rock of the side, top-scoring for the season with 308 runs. Dion Joll wasn't far behind with 275 runs at the top of the order, and Rohit Rajagopal (185 runs), Aidan Thomas (a top score of 60) and Max Palmer all chipped in with important runs as the captaincy passed between several hands through the year.

A few performances worth raising a glass to:

- James Edwards — our Player of the Season, and a deserving one. 22 wickets at 18 with two five-fors (5/24 and 5/60), leading the attack beautifully from the first round to the last.
- Benjamin Champion — 308 runs and the occasional game behind the stumps with the gloves. The most consistent contributor in the side.
- John Nevell — 202 runs in just four matches at an average of 67, including a superb 120 against Campbelltown. The innings of our season.
- Scott Daniels — 18 wickets and endless overs of control, with a best of 5/54 in that epic against Gordon.
- Dion Joll — 275 runs and a model of top-order consistency, with a top score of 56.
- Chris Halloran (5/32 to skittle Mosman) and Sam Bear (79 off 52 against Gordon) produced two of the most eye-catching individual displays of the year.

Sincere thanks to club coach Simon Keen, ably assisted through the season by Warren Evans, for the time and expertise they invested in this group, and to the players who stepped up to lead when called upon as the captaincy rotated. Thanks too to the selectors, scorers, parents and volunteers who make a sixteen-round grade season possible — none of it happens without them.

A mid-table finish undersells what was a competitive and, at times, thrilling campaign. Tighten up the close ones — the two-run losses, the tie, the outright that got away — and this group has the talent to be playing finals cricket next summer.

Men's Third Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Benjamin Champion	15	16	3	308	1	-	52	23.69	17/1
Dion Joll	13	14	-	275	1	-	56	19.64	5
John Nevell	4	3	-	202	1	1	120	67.33	3
Rohit Rajagopal	7	7	-	185	1	-	53	26.43	5
Aidan Thomas	8	9	-	160	1	-	60	17.78	2
Max Palmer	8	9	-	155	1	-	64	17.22	-
Seb Linnitt	3	3	-	155	1	-	81	51.67	-
Aaryan Dixit	3	3	-	145	1	-	62	48.33	-
Dylan Mares	9	8	-	144	-	-	32	18.00	4
Dhruv Sakkarwal	6	7	-	130	-	-	45	18.57	1
Sam Bear	5	6	1	115	1	-	79	23.00	1
Akther Hussain	8	9	2	101	-	-	26	14.43	3

Also batted: Robin Atwal (92 runs @ 15.33), Harrison Davis (87 runs @ 14.5), Lachlan Spencer (80 runs @ 20), Samad Khan (69 runs @ 34.5), Scott Daniels (66 runs @ 13.2), James Edwards (56 runs @ 9.33), Eesa Omar (43 runs @ 43), Henry Lester (31 runs @ 15.5), Thomas Geyer (31 runs @ 31), Liam Weerakoon (30 runs @ 7.5), Ravi Adabala (30 runs @ 7.5), Chris Halloran (28 runs @ 7), Prosha Rahman (18 runs @ 18), Evander Herbert (17 runs @ 2.83), Glenn Aitken (15 runs @ 15), Naman Batish (15 runs @ 15), Flynn Taylor (7 runs @ 3.5), Christopher Lloyd (0 runs @ 0), Kaviru Karunaratne (0 runs @ 0), Kabir Yadav (0 runs, undismised)

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
James Edwards	96.1	14	403	22	2	18.32	4.19	5/24
Scott Daniels	117	14	474	18	1	26.33	4.05	5/54
Evander Herbert	112.5	12	388	11	-	35.27	3.44	3/22
Chris Halloran	36	7	154	9	1	17.11	4.28	5/32
Lachlan Spencer	50.3	4	225	8	-	28.13	4.46	4/25
Robin Atwal	43	6	134	8	-	16.75	3.12	2/20
Max Palmer	27	1	143	5	-	28.60	5.30	2/35
Akther Hussain	42.5	6	188	5	-	37.60	4.39	2/18
Flynn Taylor	8	-	57	5	-	11.40	7.13	3/33
Henry Lester	20.4	2	89	4	-	22.25	4.31	2/17
Aidan Thomas	26	-	103	4	-	25.75	3.96	2/33
Dion Joll	24.1	4	139	3	-	46.33	5.75	1/7

Also bowled: Kabir Yadav (3 wickets for 29 runs), Ravi Adabala (3 wickets for 68 runs), Samad Khan (3 wickets for 41 runs), Sam Bear (3 wickets for 33 runs), Prosha Rahman (2 wickets for 64 runs), Shrey Parsania (1 wicket for 40 runs), Dylan Mares (1 wicket for 56 runs), Seb Linnitt (0 wickets for 39 runs), Eesa Omar (0 wickets for 33 runs)

Fourth Grade Report

Shiv Vohra

Firstly, I'd like to extend a huge thanks to the Committee, selectors and coaching staff, (Simon Keen, Warren Evans, Ash Perrott, and Craig Tomko) for the opportunity to captain 4s this year.

We set a goal at the start of the year which was to play finals cricket, which we achieved. Unfortunately, we were beaten in the Qualifying Final by a sound Easts outfit, but everyone who was around the group in 4s this year contributed to this achievement and I'm sure this playing group gained valuable experience and can build on it to go at least one better next season.



Shiv Vohra prepares to bowl

There are two games I'd like to mention that I believe defined our season.

In Round 13 vs Penrith, we were welcomed to a 40 degree day and a flat wicket which I duly chose to bat first on. At 2/130, we were in a great position, however we lost a few quick poles and suffered a batting collapse being all out for around 180. The last hour of day 1 gave us 17 overs at Penrith and an opportunity to take a few wickets and wrestle our way back into the game, but this also didn't go to plan and Penrith ended up 0-40. The start of day 2 went very

similarly with Penrith being 1/100, but we fought our way back into the game and kept pressure and energy high on a very hot day (including a heat index caused delay in play). Penrith eventually got the runs 9 down, but the fight and character the lads showed was testament to the quality side we had, we walked off the ground that game proud and knowing we'd fought to the end even though we lost. Penrith were deserving winners; however, to wrestle the game back and eventually have them scamper over the line filled me with a lot of confidence.



Daivik Sahni and Henry Lester leave the field after a last wicket stand of 78 in the Qualifying Final

The equation heading into Round 15 vs Gordon was simple: win outright to have any chance of finals qualification, if we failed to do so it was likely season over. Lachlan Spencer decided he really wanted to play finals as he tore through the Gordon top order and took a brilliant 6-fa to have them all out in 28 overs. It wasn't all smooth sailing as the second innings provided some twists and turns as Gordon fought back, but Evander Herbert provided a clinic on spin bowling as he dominated and took a memorable 7-fa to bowl Gordon out second time around. After a bit of confusion as to how many overs were left, we got a nervy chase across the line thanks to rapid cameos from Naman Batish, Eesa Omar and a special celebrity appearance by one of the all-time Bears,

Jacob Graham, who used all his experience to ice the finish.

There were massive contributions from everyone who was in and around the squad this season, however I'd like to shout out a few guys,

Naman Batish really matured this season, he played almost every game and got us off to some blistering starts playing the fearless aggressive style he's become known for. He also stepped up and was a leader in the field and took some brilliant catches at short leg. I for one am very excited to see where his cricket goes in the next couple of years - the sky's the limit for this talented youngster.



Naman Batish in action in the Qualifying Final vs Easts

Lachlan Spencer was another big part of our finals push, and when he's on song he can rip the heart out of any bowling lineup. It was great to see the big quick show some flashes of brilliance and I'm sure next season will be massive.

Spin was a big part of our side this season, and I'd like to mention the twin left arm orthos, for the first part of the season. Robin Atwal was a consistent performer and took many key wickets, but the biggest thing that stood out for him was his energy and attitude in the field. He was loud and his constant encouragement gave everyone a lift, not to mention he's a gun in the field, affecting direct hit run-outs and taking screamers. He also played some very handy cameos with the bat, I'm not sure he knows it but he's got a lot of ability and his batting is one to watch!



Daivik Sahni about to bowl

Evander Herbert came down to 4s for the latter part of the season and showed his class, I'm sure everyone's heard about his back-to-back match winning performances taking 7-fa vs Gordon and 6-fa against his old club, Sydney University. He showed guile and beat genuine batsmen and got them out with his shape, drop and turn. The future is bright for this talented bowler.

I'd also like to thank guys like Max Palmer who mustn't have enjoyed playing with me very much, as whenever he got brought into the side he'd score a 50 and go straight back up.

Henry Lester or 'Mo' as he's affectionately known was a genuine leader and contributed with both bat and ball, I can't wait to see him in action in the European Cricket League as he's off to Germany for six months. The Lloyd cousins, were once again very valuable whenever they played, offering all their years of experience and playing some key knocks. These two are ever present and part of the fabric of the club and always lend an ear and help out wherever they can. Two absolute doyens and legends of the club!

Some of my personal highlights were:

- Michael Lloyd showing up to a game 3 mins before the first ball in a vehicle that was older than him and could not possibly have been roadworthy;
- Naman Batish providing lots of entertainment as he took 14 off the first over vs Mosman only to be given out LBW after middling one, and politely

questioning whether the umpire was of sound hearing ability;

- A very rare Liam Weerakoon blow-up; and
- A couple of celebrity appearances from some of the great Bears, namely Izaak Merlehan and Jacob Graham.

I'd once again like to thank everyone for their contributions and we're raring to go to try and accomplish our goal to win the Club Championship and bring a premiership home to North Sydney.

Beware the Bear!

Editor's Note: Shiv is far too modest to point out that he had a superb season with the ball with 31 wickets, and was the competition's top wicket-taker in the regular season.



Fourth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Naman Batish	15	17	-	425	3	-	72	25.00	6
Liam Weerakoon	10	11	1	220	1	-	58	22.00	7
Max Palmer	4	4	-	208	3	-	66	52.00	1
Shivam Vohra	17	16	2	187	-	-	47	13.36	5
Dhruv Sakkarwal	5	6	-	160	1	-	80	26.67	1
Harrison Davis	6	6	2	149	1	-	81*	37.25	5/6
Vivek Jain	8	8	1	149	-	-	34	21.29	2
Akther Hussain	4	4	1	121	1	-	54*	40.33	1
Sam Bear	2	2	-	102	1	-	83	51.00	2
Kaviru Karunaratne	5	5	1	98	-	-	32	24.50	4
Darcy Feilen	6	6	-	94	-	-	27	15.67	2
Ryan Sood	6	6	1	94	-	-	43*	18.80	5

Also batted: Henry Lester (85 runs @ 28.33), Thomas Geyer (79 runs @ 15.8), Christopher Lloyd (75 runs @ 75), Robin Atwal (73 runs @ 14.6), Lachlan Spencer (70 runs @ 11.67), Rohit Rajagopal (67 runs @ 16.75), Dion Joll (57 runs @ 57), Eesa Omar (51 runs @ 8.5), Sanket Bharadwaj (48 runs @ 16), Michael Lloyd (43 runs @ 8.6), Chris Halloran (40 runs @ 13.33), Daivik Sahni (37 runs @ 37), Evander Herbert (35 runs @ 17.5), Ravi Adabala (35 runs @ 8.75), Shrey Parsania (34 runs @ 34), Shanaq Hasan (33 runs @ 33), Izaak Merlehan (22 runs @ 22), Aaryan Modi (20 runs @ 6.67), Jacob Hanlon (16 runs @ 16), Jacob Graham (9 runs @ 9), Alex MacGill (8 runs @ 8), Anubhav Malhotra (6 runs @ 2), Liam McCarthy (2 runs @ 2), Angus Miller (1 runs @ 0.5), James Edwards (0 runs @ 0), Scott Daniels (0 runs @ 0), Amodh Sriram (0 runs, undismised).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Shivam Vohra	163.5	18	607	31	2	19.58	3.70	6/49
Robin Atwal	84.1	10	291	16	-	18.19	3.46	4/21
Evander Herbert	65.1	17	188	15	2	12.53	2.88	7/59
Lachlan Spencer	67	7	219	10	1	21.90	3.27	6/47
Henry Lester	45.1	4	176	9	-	19.56	3.90	3/28
Ravi Adabala	49.5	8	172	8	-	21.50	3.45	4/16
Akther Hussain	24	3	98	7	1	14.00	4.08	5/35
Anubhav Malhotra	54	6	237	6	-	39.50	4.39	3/19
Amodh Sriram	44.5	6	170	6	-	28.33	3.79	4/34

Also bowled: Angus Miller (4 wickets for 102 runs), Chris Halloran (4 wickets for 130 runs), Eesa Omar (4 wickets for 139 runs), Scott Daniels (3 wickets for 111 runs), Thomas Geyer (3 wickets for 43 runs), Naman Batish (3 wickets for 51 runs), Sam Bear (3 wickets for 18 runs), Vivek Jain (2 wickets for 81 runs), Darcy Feilen (1 wicket for 50 runs), James Edwards (1 wicket for 52 runs), Izaak Merlehan (1 wicket for 25 runs), Dion Joll (1 wicket for 7 runs), Shrey Parsania (1 wicket for 20 runs), Max Palmer (0 wickets for 30 runs), Daivik Sahni (0 wickets for 31 runs), Alex MacGill (0 wickets for 23 runs), Jacob Graham (0 wickets for 0 runs).

Fifth Grade Report

Alex MacGill

Fifth Grade is an extremely difficult team to manage; balancing bleeding young players with an eye to field the strongest team and rewarding performance in our Roseville Shires team. Not to mention that changes in higher grades can also lead to half of the team being either in or out and 11th hour changes; thank you to Head Coach Simon and Selector Craig for being on call. We were able to hand 16 players their North Sydney Grade debuts this season, and I hope that it's the first of many games for the Bears for all these players.

The season kicked off with two T20s, a welcome change to the fixture list. First, a gritty win over Parramatta, anchored by Henry Lester's 34, followed by a clinical demolition of Hawkesbury where Vivek Jain and Chris Lloyd made light work of the chase. While Round 3 brought a tough loss to Manly, Max Palmer shone, scoring 50 and taking two wickets.



A happy team walk off Tunks Park

The team showed incredible determination in Round 4 at Raby. An inexperienced batting lineup managed to guts it out for 89 overs to secure a draw. Marcus Yagnamurthy on debut came in at 5/71 and scored 41 from 131 balls. Equally important was Kabir Yadav's 21 not out off 90 balls which he backed this up the

next week with 5/36, tearing through the Western Suburbs lineup.



Kabir Yadav celebrates a 5-wicket haul

In Round 6, we continued to showcase that never-say-die attitude. Losing the toss, we endured another long stint in the dirt at Kensington Oval, where Randwick Petersham piled on 381 in 80 overs. Daivik Sahni toiled away, sending down 26 overs, whilst Eesa Omar gets a special mention for his dominant 87 before both teams shook hands for the draw, closing our innings at 6/259 with only eight overs remaining. A clinical win against Mosman seemed to kickstart some form; Junaid Nizamuddin leading a strong bowling performance with 4/19, before we briskly chased their total, earning a bonus point.

In Round 8 against St George, a solid 182 was anchored by an assured 50 from Green Shield skipper, Ryan Sood. After a hot start by the opposition, our spinners got on a roll. Tom Geyer was finally handed the cherry for the first time this season and he gave the fans exactly what they wanted, 4/26 to secure an important win.

A crucial collapse in a top six showdown against Penrith saw us drop out of the finals places and join the chasing pack, where we unfortunately remained for the last three rounds. There were still some great highlights with Liam McCarthy's maiden hundred underscoring a dominant win over Sutherland, before Michael Lloyd pummelled Gordon's attack on the way to his second ton of the season; a commanding 115 not out.

It wasn't ALL about the on-field performances though. During a rain delay against Easts, Tom Roussac vanished from the sheds during a heavy downpour. He re-emerged a while later drenched head to toe, but proudly clutching six golf balls he'd scavenged from the nearby Northbridge golf course.



Michael Lloyd in full flow

Behind the stumps, Shanaq Hasan's chatter was ever-present, gracing us with his revolutionary new sledge, "don't get out." It was simple, refined, and remarkably effective at distracting the cordon more than the batters! Michael Lloyd also showed us a new way to stay cool during the innings break: taking a fully

clothed splash in a water fountain next to Ryde Oval (in front of perplexed cafe patrons).



Henry Lester on the attack

Whilst we finished with a heartbreaking 5-run loss to Sydney Uni, the season was far from a failure. Our performance against the eventual premiers, Fairfield-Liverpool, proved our quality. Falling just 9 runs short against a Jarrad Burke-led side showed that on our day, we were a match for anyone.

I would like to thank Chris Lloyd, Michael Lloyd, and Henry Lester for captaining in my absence, particularly over the first five rounds as I recovered from yet another injury. I'd also like to extend thanks to the other senior players - Rashie Hasan and Jacob Graham - not only for their strong on-field performances, but their leadership and assistance guiding our younger players.

Go Bears!

Fifth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Alex MacGill	9	8	1	246	1	-	59*	35.14	6
Michael Lloyd	4	4	1	232	-	2	115*	77.33	1
Liam McCarthy	5	5	-	182	-	1	104	36.40	1
Ryan Sood	5	5	1	160	2	-	63	40.00	1/3
Conor Hingerty	7	7	-	150	1	-	58	21.43	1
Henry Lester	6	6	1	145	-	-	46	29.00	1
Christopher Lloyd	6	5	2	128	-	-	41*	42.67	-
Thomas Geyer	8	7	-	123	-	-	38	17.57	2
Eesa Omar	5	3	-	107	1	-	87	35.67	2
Marcus Yagnamurthy	4	4	1	94	-	-	41	31.33	1
Dhruv Sakkarwal	4	4	1	87	-	-	35	29.00	3
Nicholas Champion	5	3	1	79	-	-	49	39.50	1

Also batted: Vivek Jain (72 runs @ 72), Jacob Hanlon (71 runs @ 23.67), Aaryan Modi (58 runs @ 29), Max Palmer (54 runs @ 54), Lachlan Barber (35 runs @ 35), Thomas Roussac (33 runs @ 11), Aarya Asher (30 runs @ 30), Darcy Feilen (30 runs @ 15), Travis McKenna (30 runs @ 30), Karan Sharma (28 runs @ 9.33), Kabir Yadav (27 runs @ 13.5), Strauss Vosser (27 runs @ 27), Daivik Sahni (25 runs @ 4.17), Vasisht Guruprakash (24 runs @ 24), Chris Halloran (19 runs @ 19), Junaid Nizamuddin (15 runs @ 15), Aarush Mandadi (15 runs @ 15), Rashedul Hasan (11 runs @ 11), Jacob Graham (11 runs @ 5.5), Pranav Shah (10 runs @ 5), Harry Whitehouse (6 runs @ 3), Angus Miller (4 runs @ 4), Shanaq Hasan (3 runs @ 1), Anubhav Malhotra (3 runs, undismised), Sanket Bharadwaj (3 runs @ 3), Amodh Sriram (0 runs, undismised), Syed Rayyan Kazmi (0 runs @ 0).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Daivik Sahni	136.2	23	476	24	-	19.83	3.49	4/150
Rashedul Hasan	55	13	147	11	-	13.36	2.67	3/20
Anubhav Malhotra	55	11	165	11	-	15.00	3.00	4/26
Junaid Nizamuddin	58.5	6	247	11	-	22.45	4.20	4/19
Kabir Yadav	49	2	183	9	1	20.33	3.73	5/36
Jacob Graham	46	10	148	7	-	21.14	3.22	3/19
Vivek Jain	31	3	121	7	-	17.29	3.90	3/69
Aarya Asher	32	3	147	6	-	24.50	4.59	2/19
Thomas Geyer	14.1	-	61	6	-	10.17	4.31	4/26
Alex MacGill	45	2	203	4	-	50.75	4.51	1/7

Also bowled: Max Palmer (3 wickets for 68 runs), Thomas Roussac (3 wickets for 80 runs), Lachlan Barber (3 wickets for 80 runs), Syed Rayyan Kazmi (3 wickets for 101 runs), Karan Sharma (3 wickets for 121 runs), Amodh Sriram (2 wickets for 63 runs), Travis McKenna (2 wickets for 22 runs), Darcy Feilen (2 wickets for 63 runs), Eesa Omar (2 wickets for 132 runs), Conor Hingerty (1 wicket for 55 runs), Michael Lloyd (1 wicket for 9 runs), Angus Miller (1 wicket for 15 runs), Pranav Shah (1 wicket for 66 runs), Strauss Vosser (1 wicket for 38 runs), Chris Halloran (1 wicket for 16 runs), Robin Atwal (1 wicket for 17 runs), Jacob Hanlon (0 wickets for 7 runs), Nicholas Champion (0 wickets for 39 runs), Aarush Mandadi (0 wickets for 8 runs).

Women's Second Grade Report

Kayla Robson

The 2025/26 season marked another memorable chapter for the UTS North Sydney Bears Women's Second Grade side. After claiming premierships in our first two seasons, the challenge this year was to continue building on the strong culture and standards that have become synonymous with Bears women's cricket.



Throughout the season, our group once again demonstrated the qualities that make this team special – resilience, friendship, competitiveness and an unwavering commitment to each other. A mixture of experienced players and emerging talent ensured that every week brought new opportunities and memorable performances.

Despite a tough opening to the season, the side remained united and continued to improve as combinations developed. The breakthrough finally came in Round 4 with the Bears recording their first win of the season against St George-Sutherland in dramatic fashion. Chasing victory, the skipper led from the front with a composed 51, before two of the “mothers of the group”, Bernadette Robson (46*) and Anu (16*), guided the side home in the final over to secure a memorable victory.

What made the day even more special was the incredible family connections on display, with four family combinations sharing the occasion. Bernadette (mum) and Kayla (daughter), Anu (mum) and Varada (daughter), coach Robbie and daughter Abbey, and manager Kristin alongside daughter Lily all contributed to a day that perfectly reflected the close-knit culture that makes Bears cricket so unique.

One of the highlights of the campaign came with an emphatic 66-run victory over Northern District, where the team posted 147 before restricting the opposition to just 81. Another standout performance came later in the season when the Bears chased down 130 against Sydney University, securing a hard-fought five-wicket victory in one of the team's best all-round displays. The side also finished strongly with a four-wicket win over Campbelltown-Camden, highlighting the determination and fighting spirit that remained throughout the year.



Across the season there were countless moments that reflected the character of the group. Tight finishes, rain interruptions, shared celebrations and the occasional post-match debrief all contributed to another enjoyable year. Whether it was defending small totals, building partnerships under pressure or producing crucial breakthroughs with the ball, players continually stepped up when called upon.

Individually, there were many excellent performances throughout the campaign. Anna Buckle enjoyed an outstanding season with the ball, finishing with 22 wickets at an average of 17.87 and best figures of 3/16. While the scorebook officially records 22 wickets, Anna may well have finished with 50 had every chance behind the stumps and in the field stuck! Nevertheless, her consistency and ability to strike at key moments made her one of the side's most reliable performers.



Varada Vinay also enjoyed an exceptional all-round season. With the ball, she claimed 18 wickets at an impressive average of 18.17, with best figures of 3/23, while contributing valuable runs lower down the order with a strike rate of 41.96. Her development and impact across both disciplines were highlights of the season. Abbey Aitken continued to provide control and consistency with the ball, taking 19 wickets at an average of 19.74 and regularly delivering important breakthroughs for the team.

With the bat, Kayla Robson led the way, topping the run-scoring charts with 291 runs for the season. Close behind was Bernadette Robson with 263 runs, with both players producing several important innings and partnerships that underpinned many of the side's strongest performances.



However, this team has always been about much more than individual statistics. The willingness of players to support one another, embrace different roles and celebrate each other's successes was a defining feature of the season. New faces were welcomed seamlessly into the group, while experienced players continued to provide leadership and guidance.

On behalf of the playing group, I would like to sincerely thank our coaches, support staff, scorers, volunteers and the wider Bears community. Their dedication and countless hours behind the scenes ensure that we are able to enjoy the game we love and represent the club with pride. A special thank you must also go to our families, friends and supporters who braved early starts, long days and all-weather conditions to cheer us on throughout the season.

While this year did not result in a third consecutive premiership, the spirit and character shown by this group reinforced why the Bears are such a special club. The foundations remain strong, the future is bright, and there is no doubt that this team will continue to create lasting memories and achieve success in the seasons ahead.

Once a Bear, always a Bear.

Go Bears!

Women's Second Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Kayla Robson	14	14	1	291	2	-	52	22.38	6/1
Bernadette Robson	12	10	4	263	-	-	48*	43.83	2
Varada Vinay	16	16	3	258	-	-	35*	19.85	-
Sharon Julien	16	16	-	216	-	-	30	13.50	7
Grace Wetherall	11	10	-	190	1	-	54	19.00	2
Tanishka Reddy	14	14	2	143	-	-	35	11.92	1
Anna Buckle	17	15	3	85	-	-	29*	7.08	4
Georgia Demetriou	6	5	-	65	-	-	28	13.00	1
Samantha Williams	8	8	-	48	-	-	23	6.00	2
Anu Raj	4	4	2	40	-	-	18	20.00	-
Mikaela Jenkins	14	8	3	36	-	-	15*	7.20	2
Lily Hancock	16	6	3	30	-	-	9*	10.00	9/6

Also batted: Maanasa Sri Jaganath (20 runs @ 6.67), Harnoor Kaur (18 runs @ 16), Abigail Aitken (15 runs @ 5), Georgia MacDonald (9 runs @ 3), Alice Hancock (5 runs @ 5), Prarthana Uppili (4 runs @ 2), Lavena Rampal (3 runs @ 1.5), Evelyn McKay (0 runs @ 0), Kellyn Coetzee (0 runs @ 0).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Sharon Julien	109.1	8	411	23	1	17.87	3.76	5/26
Anna Buckle	115	15	359	22	-	16.32	3.12	3/16
Abigail Aitken	90.2	4	375	19	-	19.74	4.15	3/29
Varada Vinay	118	7	327	18	-	18.17	2.77	3/23
Alice Hancock	48	7	165	8	-	20.63	3.44	2/14
Lavena Rampal	36	5	127	4	-	31.75	3.53	2/9
Tanishka Reddy	4.1	-	32	4	-	8.00	7.68	3/8
Samantha Williams	13	1	66	3	-	22.00	5.08	3/14
Grace Wetherall	9.1	-	76	2	-	38.00	8.29	2/24
Ameera Sodhi	8	-	53	2	-	26.50	6.63	2/23
Mikaela Jenkins	16	-	75	2	-	37.50	4.69	1/11
Georgia Demetriou	9	1	54	1	-	54.00	6.00	1/28
Prarthana Uppili	5	-	17	1	-	17.00	3.40	1/17

Women's Third Grade Report

Evy McKay

The Women's Third Grade 2025/26 campaign proved just how much the side has grown, and continued to support women and girls, of all backgrounds, playing and loving cricket.

When I started playing senior cricket at the Bears, there was only a very young and inexperienced Brewers team, and a Third Grade Women's team. Over the past four or five seasons the participation, and genuine competitiveness, of the women's side of the club has grown immensely.



Our season started positively, with a string of wins and a couple of slim losses. Well, except for one particular round at a ground which seems to be our weak spot every season. I personally think Gannons Park, where it is perpetually rainy, might actually be cursed. However, if that ground has taught Third Grade one thing over the many seasons we've played there, it is how to stay humble.

Around Christmas we had a few byes and washed out games, but starting back at the beginning of 2026 we faced Manly and took a lot of learnings away which would come in handy at the back end of our season.



Each round, players of all ages got to prove themselves and contribute to what became a very well rounded and strong team. Whether it was a 3-fa, opening the batting for the first time and holding down the fort, or putting up a solid last pair partnership to frustrate the opposition - it was all wonderful to see and at times very entertaining.

After an amazing season and finishing third on the ladder, we were exhilarated to be in the semi-finals. We took on Manly and produced our best fielding and bowling performance of the season. There were wickets shared around among the bowlers, and three incredibly important catches from Hetti Blackburn with her magnetic hands. It is safe to say that our previous match ups with manly had paid off, as we rolled through their line up with their highest individual score being just 12 runs. Unfortunately, our outstanding efforts in the field weren't enough to get us over the line. While we may not have made it through to the Grand Final, it was clear that the entire squad (both those playing, and those who showed up to support) stood strong in their Bears values, and produced a performance we could be proud of.



Semi-final vs Manly

Over the years, there have been plenty of personnel changes, from the players to the coaching staff and supporters. Thank you to all our coaches this season, but especially to Anna Buckle, our Third Grade coach, and Vinay Nair who showed up consistently for us on game day.

While women's cricket, especially Third Grade, has not always been provided with the support or

resources that they've deserved, I'm glad that our team has been a solid foundation for the women's side of the club to expand greatly, since its beginnings. I'm very proud that this team has remained a positive space for so many women (and girls) to not only improve their skills and prove that we are a competitive side, but also to truly just enjoy their cricket.



Women's Third Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Kellyn Coetzee	15	13	5	279	2	-	53*	34.88	4
Anu Raj	17	15	4	265	-	-	35*	24.09	5/3
Harnoor Kaur	15	14	2	152	-	-	30*	12.67	2
Hetti Blackburn	12	11	3	124	-	-	42	15.50	3
Bernadette Robson	5	5	1	116	1	-	73*	29.00	2
Evelyn McKay	12	9	2	115	1	-	52*	16.43	5
Anushka Dongre	11	8	2	100	1	-	55*	16.67	-
Heidi Gerber	12	9	1	86	-	-	26	10.75	1
Rina Hore	9	7	1	67	-	-	24*	11.17	-
Nechaldeep Dhillon	12	8	2	58	-	-	13	9.67	2
Madeleine Paynter	8	6	2	56	-	-	30*	14.00	1
Emma Leahy	12	7	2	46	-	-	22	9.20	-

Also batted: Samantha Williams (31 runs, undischmissed), Jessica Robson (21 runs @ 4.2), Ellie Mann (19 runs @ 3.8), Jade Stewart (16 runs @ 16), Maya McNeil (9 runs @ 9), Jennifer Makeham (7 runs @ 7), Anna Buckle (6 runs @ 6), Nanthana Bhavan (4 runs @ 2).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Maya McNeil	43	3	199	12	-	16.58	4.63	3/18
Evelyn McKay	50.3	3	206	9	-	22.89	4.08	3/42
Anushka Dongre	32	6	108	8	-	13.50	3.38	3/10
Nechaldeep Dhillon	37.2	5	161	8	-	20.13	4.31	3/10
Nanthana Bhavan	49	-	191	7	-	27.29	3.90	4/14
Harnoor Kaur	27.4	2	127	5	-	25.40	4.59	1/1
Rina Hore	28	1	127	5	-	25.40	4.54	1/3
Ellie Mann	45.2	4	199	5	-	39.80	4.39	2/8
Bernadette Robson	11.1	2	29	4	-	7.25	2.60	2/10
Madeleine Paynter	30.1	4	94	4	-	23.50	3.12	2/18
Emma Leahy	9	-	55	3	-	18.33	6.11	3/15
Kellyn Coetzee	1	-	12	0	-	-	12.00	0/12

Also bowled: Samantha Williams (0 wickets for 17 runs), Jade Stewart (0 wickets for 21 runs), Abigail Aitken (0 wickets for 25 runs).

Poidevin-Gray Shield Report

A quarter-final washout is a frustrating way to have your season taken out of your hands, and that's exactly how 2025/26 ended for our young Bears — 1/50 and barely into the chase at Sutherland when the rain rolled in and refused to budge. It was a deflating finish, but it shouldn't colour what came before it: four wins from six and a finals berth, from a side that more often than not played the better cricket.



Hamish Reynolds

We opened in the short stuff with the two T20 fixtures, and round one at Manly was the kind of game that haunts you. The defending champions posted 7/131 and we fell four runs short, bowled out for 127 with a ball to spare. Jamieson Hedges came flying out of the blocks with 42 off 21 and Hamish Reynolds chipped in with 28, but we couldn't quite drag it home. Four runs — the first of several where things could easily have gone the other way.

Any hangover was gone a week later against Mosman. Sent in to chase 189 after one of their top order had teed off for an unbeaten 81, we were staring down a daunting total — until Reynolds and Jordan Netto decided to put on a show. The pair came together with

early wickets down and simply were not separated, Reynolds bludgeoning 104 not out off 55 and Netto an absurd 69 not out off 48. We knocked it off with more than two overs to spare for an eight-wicket win, and you could feel the belief shift through the group. That's the kind of afternoon you remember.



Dilraj Singh lofts one over the top

Into the one-dayers, and we found a rhythm. At Tunks we squeezed Bankstown out for 170 in a genuine team bowling effort — six different bowlers among the wickets, Jaden Sequeira (2/14) and Seb Linnitt (2/28) the tightest of them — but the day truly belonged to Jordan Netto behind the stumps. Our young gloveman was simply electric, accounting for eight of the ten Bankstown wickets with six catches and two stumpings. Eight dismissals in an innings is as good a day's wicketkeeping as you'll see at any level, and it was the foundation of the win. Aaryan Dixit then anchored the chase with an unbeaten 65 and Hedges chipped in with a busy 45 as we cruised home six wickets down. Song well and truly sung.



The UNSW game a fortnight later was a belter. One of their top order launched seven sixes in a brutal 73 to set us 238, but Sequeira's outstanding 4/29 kept us in the contest, and then Dilraj Singh took over — a classy 80 leading the chase, with Reynolds (43) and an unbeaten 40 from Hugh Taylor in support. Four wickets down at the finish, three wins on the trot, and a bit of swagger about us.

Every season has a flat day, and ours came at Northbridge against Gordon. We never got going with the bat and limped to 9/201, Reynolds grinding out a lonely 76 in an innings that never really flowed. Gordon barely broke a sweat, knocking it off for the loss of a single wicket. Nine wickets — a sobering reminder of the level required once the finals come around.



Evander Herbert

To the players' enormous credit, the response was emphatic. In the final round at Blacktown we produced our best batting of the year, and it was a proper team effort: chasing 233, all four of the top order passed forty (Dixit 62, Singh 56, Reynolds 47, Hedges 47) and we cruised home four down. The bowlers again shared it around — seven names in the wickets — and we'd booked our finals spot in style.



Jamieson Hedges pulls one for four

Then came the rain. At Sutherland, the home side compiled 6/239, with Joel Austin our standout on 3/17, and we'd just settled into the chase at 1/50 against a revised Duckworth-Lewis target when the heavens opened and the game was abandoned. A cruel way to bow out — but no one could say this group hadn't earned its place at the table.

The season's individual highlights included:

- Hamish Reynolds — what a season! 305 runs at 61, including the match-winning hundred against Mosman, plus a share of our leading wicket tally with 10 poles. A genuine match-winner with bat and ball, and the heartbeat of the side.
- Jaden Sequeira was our best bowler by a distance, with 10 wickets at just 14 apiece and a best of 4/29. He had control and bite every time we threw him the ball.
- Skipper Jamieson Hedges led from the front all summer, his fearless top-order hitting setting the tone again and again, and he was no slouch with the ball either.
- Aaryan Dixit (165 runs at 41) and Dilraj Singh (184 runs and two fifties) were models of class and consistency at the top of the order.
- Dave Dubey announced himself with a stunning 5/26 against Mosman in limited opportunities — the only five-for of our season.

- **Jordan Netto was outstanding behind the stumps all season, never more so than against Bankstown, where he claimed a remarkable eight dismissals (six caught, two stumped) in the one innings. He was no mug with the bat either, that unbeaten 69 against Mosman chief among his contributions.**

Special thanks must go to coach Tim Reynolds, ably assisted on occasion through the season by Warren Evans, for the work put into developing this group, and to the army of parents and supporters who got the boys onto the park each week — none of it

happens without them. In particular, huge thanks to Carla Austin for scoring almost every match, home and away.

The Poidevin-Gray Shield is all about building the club's next generation, and on that score 2025/26 was a big tick. This is a young, talented group that learned to win together and stood up when it mattered, and the only thing missing was the chance to test ourselves over a full finals series. The next step is clear: to still be standing when those games are played out to the end. On this evidence, we'll back ourselves to get there.



Poidevin-Gray Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Hamish Reynolds	7	6	1	305	1	1	104*	61.00	-
Dilraj Singh	7	6	1	184	2	-	80	36.80	3
Jamieson Hedges	7	7	-	176	-	-	47	25.14	4
Aaryan Dixit	7	6	2	165	2	-	65*	41.25	1
Jordan Netto	7	6	2	91	1	-	69*	22.75	16/2
Hugh Taylor	4	3	2	53	-	-	40*	53.00	-
Fergus Fergusson	7	2	-	41	-	-	34	20.50	4
Mitchell Oliver	3	2	1	39	-	-	39*	39.00	-
Seb Linnitt	5	2	-	30	-	-	29	15.00	3
Luke Austin	3	1	1	17	-	-	17*	-	-
Dave Dubey	2	2	-	12	-	-	12	6.00	1
Joel Austin	7	3	1	9	-	-	8*	4.50	-
Jaden Sequeira	6	1	1	2	-	-	2*	-	2
Evander Herbert	6	1	-	0	-	-	0	0.00	-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Hamish Reynolds	47.1	3	258	10	-	25.80	5.47	3/25
Jaden Sequeira	32	1	141	10	-	14.10	4.41	4/29
Jamieson Hedges	32.2	1	149	6	-	24.83	4.61	2/12
Dave Dubey	4	1	26	5	1	5.20	6.50	5/26
Fergus Fergusson	46	1	254	5	-	50.80	5.52	2/18
Joel Austin	16	-	79	5	-	15.80	4.94	3/17
Seb Linnitt	16	-	81	3	-	27.00	5.06	2/28
Sam Bear	5	-	26	1	-	26.00	5.20	1/26
Aaryan Dixit	22	1	108	1	-	108.00	4.91	1/38
Mitchell Oliver	4	-	57	1	-	57.00	14.25	1/32
Evander Herbert	30	1	159	1	-	159.00	5.30	1/36
Dilraj Singh	1	-	7	0	-	-	7.00	0/7
Luke Austin	4	-	37	0	-	-	9.25	0/37

Brewer Shield Report

Lana Sredojevic

The 2025/26 Brewer Shield season was a rollercoaster for the Bears, marked by both highs and lows. The girls grew through the season, taking on lots of learnings from the early rounds to accelerate into the end of the competition.



Opening the season on home turf with a strong win against Greater Hunter, set an early positive tone for the group. Chasing down the opposition's score in just 15 overs was thanks to the well executed batting plan from Sharon Julien (77* off 47 balls) and Elspeth Herbert (41 off 38 balls). The momentum continued into Round 2 against Campbelltown Camden, with another excellent performance from the same opening batting pair, and a superb century for Sharon Julien (103 off 55 balls).



Facing Penrith in Round 3 slowed the momentum, with challenging conditions contributing to the first loss of the season. Narrow and frustrating losses followed, against Sydney University and Manly in the subsequent rounds. But the tide turned in another encounter with Greater Hunter Coast. In a tight finish, the Bears held their nerve to score the winning runs in the final over.



Round 8 delivered the most comprehensive win yet. With hard work in the field, the girls were able to restrict Northern District to just 50 runs, and chase down the target in 11 overs.

The final match before the Christmas break ended in an unfortunate loss by 20 runs to St-George Sutherland. Even so, the girls kept their spirits high

and were ready to return stronger and more determined in the new year.

Starting 2026 off on a strong note, the Bears took on Blacktown and came out with a victory by 9 wickets. In Rounds 11 and 12, the team faced two tough losses against Sydney University and Bankstown, with weather and DLS playing a factor. However, players were still putting in stand out performances. In particular, Zahra Dhillon's 4/15 against Sydney University was just a small sign of what was to come in the remainder of her season.

Against Parramatta, the Bears displayed a strong all-round team performance. Three girls contributed notably with the bat. Eki Sidhu laid a strong foundation opening with 42 runs, including 9 boundaries. Ameera Sodhi and Lana Sredojevic continued the momentum with 32 and 30 runs respectively. With the ball, Maddy Paynter stepped in to take 2 wickets in just two overs, and Zahra remained on a roll with 3/17.

In the final round, the Bears' hard work paid off with a victory against the Southern Swans. Cassie Watson led with the bat, scoring a patient 33 runs. To finish off the season well, Zahra Dhillon produced another 4-fa, along with her cousin Ameera Sodhi who took 4/20, including four maiden overs. Zahra finished the regular season as the competition's top wicket-taker, a phenomenal achievement!



Brewer Shield Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Sharon Julien	4	4	2	248	2	1	103	124.00	-
Elspeth Herbert	14	14	1	221	-	-	41	17.00	1/2
Ekmehar Kaur Sidhu	14	11	-	177	-	-	42	16.09	7/8
Tanishka Reddy	7	6	2	168	1	-	51	42.00	3
Georgia Demetriou	4	3	-	128	1	-	75	42.67	1
Zahra Dhillon	15	12	5	109	-	-	23	15.57	-
Lana Sredojevic	14	10	-	101	-	-	30	10.10	5
Cassandra Watson	6	6	1	95	-	-	45	19.00	2
Ameera Sodhi	14	10	1	91	-	-	32	10.11	-
Jessica Robson	11	9	2	80	-	-	15	11.43	1
Jade Stewart	8	7	2	41	-	-	10	8.20	3
Akshadha Uppili	14	7	2	32	-	-	12	6.40	6

Also batted: Prarthana Uppili (27 runs @ 3.86), Kashish Sharma (18 runs @ 6), Madeleine Paynter (10 runs @ 2.5), Varada Vinay (8 runs @ 8), Samantha Williams (7 runs @ 3.5), Siona Sharma (0 runs @ 0), Alice Hancock (0 runs, undismised).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Zahra Dhillon	83.1	5	339	29	-	11.69	4.08	4/15
Akshadha Uppili	83	8	290	11	-	26.36	3.49	3/25
Ameera Sodhi	80	17	254	10	-	25.40	3.18	4/20
Prarthana Uppili	42	1	203	6	-	33.83	4.83	2/16
Alice Hancock	33.2	3	141	5	-	28.20	4.23	3/40
Kashish Sharma	57.2	6	237	5	-	47.40	4.13	1/13
Madeleine Paynter	13	1	85	4	-	21.25	6.54	2/13
Samantha Williams	12	2	37	3	-	12.33	3.08	1/2
Sharon Julien	7	1	25	3	-	8.33	3.57	2/11
Lana Sredojevic	21	2	106	3	-	35.33	5.05	1/6
Jade Stewart	8	1	32	2	-	16.00	4.00	1/8
Tanishka Reddy	5	-	28	2	-	14.00	5.60	2/13

Also bowled: Varada Vinay (2 wickets for 27 runs), Georgia Demetriou (1 wicket for 56 runs).

AW Green Shield Report

There's no dressing up a finish of nineteenth, nor a record of one win from seven, but to leave the story there would do a real disservice to our Green Shield boys. This was a young side cutting its teeth against the best Under-16 cricketers in the state, and far more often than the ladder suggests, they more than held their own. Several of these games came down to a handful of runs or a single wicket, and the experience banked across the summer will serve this group well for years to come.



Greenies celebrate a wicket

The highlight came early. In the opening round against Bankstown, the boys defended a modest 122 with real heart, Austin McMurrough leading the way with a superb 4/12 and Ben Wiehahn backing up his unbeaten 28 with the bat with 4/31 of his own, as Bankstown were bundled out for 94. A 28-run win in the first hit-out of the season, and a glimpse of exactly what this side was capable of when it all clicked into place.

Through it all, captain Ryan Sood led from the front with both runs and example. His 222 runs at the top of the order were comfortably the most in the side, and the jewel was a magnificent 94 against St George in Round 5, agonisingly short of a maiden century, and the innings of our season. This carried us to 190 before the game slipped away on a Duckworth-Lewis

calculation. Sood was just as busy behind the stumps, taking catches and stumpings throughout the campaign, and he set the standard in every department.

Around him a clutch of young batters showed they belong at this level: Krishang Gulati (125 runs), the industrious Sachiin Muthukumaran (114 runs and handy with the ball) and Harry Whitehouse (100 for the summer, including a sparkling 41 against Mosman) each passed three figures across the campaign.

The attack, too, gave us plenty to be proud of. Rayyan Kazmi was our leading wicket-taker with 11 at under 20 apiece, a model of consistency week in and week out, while Billy Kerrison produced the bowling performance of the year, a brilliant 5/36 against Mosman, to go with an outstanding economy rate across the season. Wiehahn (seven wickets, with a best of 4/31) and McMurrough (six, including that match-winning 4/12) ensured we always had bowlers ready to scrap, and rarely did an opposition get away from us without a fight.



Four runs to Sachiin Muthukumaran

What pleased the coaches most was how competitive the group stayed even as the results went against them. There was a heavy lesson handed out by an

exceptional UNSW side that piled on 2/311 behind two unbeaten centuries, but those days were the exception. Against Campbelltown Camden we chased gamely to 208 in a genuine top-to-bottom batting effort, Yagnamurthy's 42 the anchor, before falling 26 short. We came up just 13 shy of Mosman's 224, Whitehouse (41) and Muthukumaran (42) carrying the chase deep into the innings; and in the final round we defended 123 so stubbornly that Western Suburbs needed seven wickets and almost all their overs to scrape home.

A few sharper moments in the field — a run-out saved here, a chance taken there — and one or two of those results turn our way. For a side learning the game at this level, the closeness of the contests matters every bit as much as the final column on the ladder.



Ryan Sood cuts away to the off-side

A few performances worth celebrating from the summer:

- Ryan Sood — our Player of the Season, and thoroughly deserved. 222 runs and a wonderful 94 against St George.
- Syed Rayyan Kazmi — 11 wickets at 19, our most reliable bowler all season and a constant threat.
- Billy Kerrison — the 5/36 against Mosman, comfortably the bowling display of the year, backed by miserly control throughout.

- Austin McMurrough — 4/12 to set up our win over Bankstown, the spell that delivered our one victory.
- Ben Wiehahn — a genuine all-rounder, with 4/31 and an unbeaten 28 in that opening victory and runs and wickets across the year.
- Krishang Gulati, Sachiin Muthukumaran and Harry Whitehouse all passed three figures for the season, and clearly have plenty more to give.



Rayyan Kazmi in action at Tunks

Our sincere thanks go to coaches Tim and Hamish Reynolds, whose patience and expertise brought this group along beautifully through the summer, and to manager Ben Whitehouse for the countless hours of organisation that kept the whole show on the road. Thanks too to the parents, scorers and supporters who turned out through the school holidays to get behind the boys — their backing did not go unnoticed.

Green Shield is where the club's next generation learns its trade, and measured against that purpose, 2025/26 was a genuinely valuable summer. These boys tasted victory, came within a whisker of more, and will emerge tougher and sharper cricketers for the experience. We look forward to watching them push on through the grades in the seasons ahead.

AW Green Shield Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Ryan Sood	7	7	-	222	1	-	94	31.71	9/3
Krishang Gulati	6	6	-	125	-	-	33	20.83	4
Sachiin Muthukumaran	7	7	-	114	-	-	42	16.29	1
Harry Whitehouse	7	7	-	100	-	-	41	14.29	2
Marcus Yagnamurthy	5	4	-	81	-	-	42	20.25	-
Syed Rayyan Kazmi	7	7	1	62	-	-	18	10.33	-
Ben Wiehahn	6	6	1	55	-	-	28*	11.00	-
Xavier Simmonds	7	6	3	51	-	-	31*	17.00	2
Dilshan Singh	4	4	-	39	-	-	19	9.75	1
Max Irvine Feeney	5	5	-	38	-	-	19	7.60	-
Alexander Domingo	4	4	-	18	-	-	8	4.50	-
Austin McMurrough	6	6	1	17	-	-	9*	3.40	1
Vasisht Guruprakash	3	3	-	16	-	-	13	5.33	-
Billy Kerrison	7	4	2	4	-	-	2	2.00	-
Aiman Hasan	4	1	-	3	-	-	3	3.00	-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Syed Rayyan Kazmi	54.4	-	219	11	-	19.91	4.01	3/31
Billy Kerrison	43	6	152	8	1	19.00	3.53	5/36
Ben Wiehahn	40	4	200	7	-	28.57	5.00	4/31
Austin McMurrough	38.2	-	183	6	-	30.50	4.77	4/12
Sachiin Muthukumaran	33.3	2	197	3	-	65.67	5.88	1/34
Aiman Hasan	19	-	78	3	-	26.00	4.11	2/30
Xavier Simmonds	15	1	79	2	-	39.50	5.27	1/7
Krishang Gulati	3	-	9	1	-	9.00	3.00	1/9
Dilshan Singh	3	-	13	0	-	-	4.33	0/1
Max Irvine Feeney	9	-	50	0	-	-	5.56	0/8
Alexander Domingo	6	-	38	0	-	-	6.33	0/38

Sixth Grade Report

This season marked a genuine first for the club: an extension of our alliance with Roseville District Cricket Club, in which their Fourth Grade side in the Sydney Shires Competition was made up exclusively of North Sydney players and served, in every meaningful sense, as our de facto Sixth Grade team.

Sixth Grade is our lowest grade and is run unapologetically as a development side — a place for our youngest and least experienced players to get a full season of competitive senior cricket and to begin building the game that will carry them up through the grades. Measured against that brief, and given the novelty of an entirely new arrangement in an unfamiliar competition, it was a season of real learning and quiet promise.

The campaign opened in the best possible fashion. In Round 1 the side posted 7/255 against Strathfield, anchored by a superb 76 from Conor Hingerty and a brisk, boundary-laden 69 from Vivek Jain, before bowling Strathfield out for 187 to record a comfortable opening win. A second victory followed in Round 5, when a declared 8/244 proved too many for Georges River, who were dismissed for 212. Between and beyond those two wins, however, the going was tough. Strong, settled outfits in Warringah, Epping Bulls, Pennant Hills and eventual premiers Balmain South Sydney exposed a young group still learning how to build and defend a total across a long day, and several narrow, winnable games — the seven-wicket reverse to North West Sydney among them — slipped away. The side finished eleventh of thirteen with two wins from twelve completed matches. The ladder position tells only part of the story: for a brand-new team of developing players, simply fronting up week after week in a senior competition, and being

competitive in patches against seasoned opposition, was an achievement in itself.

With the bat, Conor Hingerty was the standout, leading the run-scoring with 274 runs at 30.44, including two half-centuries and that fine 76 in the opening round. Harrison Vlachos was the model of reliability and availability, playing all eleven of his possible matches and finishing with 182 runs, his four not-outs reflecting a willingness to bat through and hold an innings together. Ryan Sood made the most of limited opportunities, scoring 126 runs at an average of 42 before being promoted up the grades, while Syed Rayyan Kazmi (75 runs at 37.5) and the hard-hitting Sanket Bharadwaj and Harry Whitehouse offered glimpses of what this group can produce once their consistency catches up with their evident ability. For many of these players it was a first taste of senior cricket, and the experience of facing genuine pace and disciplined bowling across fifty overs will serve them well.



Rizul Gulati after his 5-wicket haul

If batting was the work in progress, the bowling was the side's clear strength and the foundation of both wins. Zayan Choorapulakkal carried the attack superbly with his off spinners, leading the side with

18 wickets at 22.89 from ten matches and shouldering by far the heaviest workload of any bowler — a genuine spearhead's contribution. Rashedul Hasan led from the front with the ball, taking 13 wickets at 21.15, while Strauss Vosser was outstanding for his control, claiming 12 wickets at barely three-and-a-half an over. The most eye-catching individual returns came from the younger bowlers: Rizul Gulati was remarkably economical and incisive across his six matches, returning 10 wickets at just 8.00 apiece and a best of 5/53, while Kabir Yadav announced himself with a superb 6/34 on his way to 10 wickets from only three games. Aarush Patel (4/44) and Daivik Sahni (4/24) also made telling contributions in limited appearances. That so much of the wicket-taking came from emerging players is exactly the return a development side hopes for.

The Player of the Season award was shared between Conor Hingerty and Zayan Choorapulakkal, the side's leading run-scorer and its leading wicket-taker. Hingerty set the standard with the bat from the very first round, while Choorapulakkal's tireless work with the ball was the constant around which the attack was built. Both embodied precisely the qualities — commitment, consistency and a willingness to do the hard work week in, week out, and the joint award is a deserved recognition of two excellent seasons.

A venture of this kind does not get off the ground without the goodwill and effort of a great many people. First and foremost, our thanks go to Roseville District Cricket Club, whose cooperation and openness made the entire arrangement possible. In



Players of the season Conor Hingerty and Zayan Choorapulakkal

its inaugural season the Sixth Grade team worked smoothly, and that is a direct result of the spirit in which Roseville approached it; we look forward to building on the relationship in the seasons ahead. Thanks also go to coaches Simon Keen and Warren Evans, who gave their time and expertise to a young group and did the patient, often invisible work of turning a collection of individuals into a side. A personal thank you, too, to President Ash Perrott was always on hand to help get the covers down at Roseville Park, week in and week out.

The result of all that effort is a side that now has a full season behind it, a clear sense of where it needs to improve, and a number of young players ready to push their case for higher grades. As a first season of a new alliance, 2025/26 has laid a sound platform — and with the Roseville partnership set to continue, the foundations are firmly in place for the group to build on next summer.

Sixth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Conor Hingerty	7	9	-	274	2	-	76	30.44	1
Harrison Vlachos	11	12	4	182	-	-	48	22.75	6
Ryan Sood	3	3	-	126	1	-	78	42.00	1
Harry Whitehouse	9	10	1	125	-	-	35*	13.89	2
Sanket Bharadwaj	4	5	-	117	1	-	53	23.40	1
Vasisht Guruprakash	6	6	-	111	-	-	34	18.50	5/1
Marcus Yagnamurthy	3	5	1	86	-	-	43	21.50	4
Rizul Gulati	6	6	1	84	-	-	30*	16.80	-
Syed Rayyan Kazmi	3	3	1	75	1	-	67*	37.50	1
Strauss Vosser	7	8	1	73	-	-	19*	10.43	1

Also batted: Vivek Jain (69 runs @ 69), Karan Sharma (64 runs @ 21.33), Zayan Choorapulakkal (63 runs @ 15.75), Pranav Shah (36 runs @ 3.6), Jacob Appino (33 runs @ 11), Aaryan Modi (32 runs @ 16), Kabir Yadav (23 runs @ 7.67), Mohnish Raina (16 runs @ 8), Daivik Sahni (15 runs, undismised), Vedic Sahni (14 runs @ 7), Lachlan Barber (13 runs @ 6.5), Aarya Asher (10 runs @ 5), Jude Feilen (9 runs @ 9), Taj Augustine (7 runs, undismised), Max Irvine Feeney (5 runs, undismised), Alexander Domingo (5 runs @ 5), Rashedul Hasan (5 runs @ 1.25), Aiman Hasan (4 runs @ 4), Junaid Nizamuddin (3 runs @ 3), Aarush Patel (2 runs @ 1), Thomas Roussac (2 runs @ 2), Lachlan Parker (2 runs @ 2), Ash Perrott (0 runs, undismised), Aarush Mandadi (0 runs, undismised).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Zayan Choorapulakkal	99	14	412	18	-	22.89	4.16	4/58
Rashedul Hasan	71.2	9	275	13	-	21.15	3.86	3/40
Strauss Vosser	72	12	254	12	-	21.17	3.53	3/34
Kabir Yadav	29	3	120	10	1	12.00	4.14	6/34
Rizul Gulati	26.4	4	80	10	1	8.00	3.00	5/53
Pranav Shah	53	7	182	7	-	26.00	3.43	3/13
Aarush Patel	14	2	63	6	-	10.50	4.50	4/44
Daivik Sahni	8.2	1	24	4	-	6.00	2.88	4/24
Lachlan Barber	20	3	102	4	-	25.50	5.10	3/59
Max Irvine Feeney	12	2	47	3	-	15.67	3.92	3/47
Sanket Bharadwaj	11.4	5	26	3	-	8.67	2.23	2/0
Karan Sharma	8	-	27	2	-	13.50	3.38	2/27

Also bowled: Syed Rayyan Kazmi (2 wickets for 51 runs), Thomas Roussac (2 wickets for 30 runs), Harrison Vlachos (2 wickets for 196 runs), Taj Augustine (2 wickets for 31 runs), Aarya Asher (2 wickets for 77 runs), Aarush Mandadi (1 wicket for 48 runs), Harry Whitehouse (1 wicket for 87 runs), Vivek Jain (1 wicket for 49 runs), Mohnish Raina (1 wicket for 57 runs), Alexander Domingo (1 wicket for 18 runs), Vasisht Guruprakash (0 wickets for 8 runs), Conor Hingerty (0 wickets for 14 runs), Vedic Sahni (0 wickets for 14 runs), Jacob Appino (0 wickets for 3 runs), Aiman Hasan (0 wickets for 48 runs), Junaid Nizamuddin (0 wickets for 69 runs).

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:	124.00, SN 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

303 – S Weisener
290 – M Burton
278 – S Hogue

230 – C Hill
209 – J Peterson
204 – B Long

** denotes current player*

Brewer Shield

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

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
7,323 – J Avendano*	4,877 – S Rodgie
7,232 – N Taylor	4,735 – N Y Deane
6,611 – J Aitken*	4,569 – P Marks
6,328 – R Donovan	4,513 – K Gilkes
6,093 – J King	4,356 – D Johnston
6,059 – S Hookey	4,096 – A Jesson
5,809 – G Spring	4,073 – V Emery
5,515 – A Hopkins	

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
359 – J Campbell*	243 – G Sullivan
340 – J Callaghan	234 – T Wooster

First Grade Partnership Records

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

Australian Test Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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

Sheffield Shield Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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

BBL Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

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





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