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followed in 1990/91 when Gilchrist's innings of 61 in the final against Mosman helped the Gordon lower order recover from 7-76 to score 177, before their opponents for 159, after they had been 4-118.

By the end of his second season in Sydney grade cricket, still only 19 years old, Gilchrist had won two premierships caps as well as a place in the NSW team which contested the 1990/91 Australian Under 19 Championships in Sydney. Again he impressed, being the outstanding wicket-keeper of the championships with eight catches and eight stumpings, including four in one innings in a match against Tasmania. Named the Player of the Championships he was one of the first players chosen in the Australian Youth team which toured England in 1991 under the captaincy of Damien Martyn. In 17 matches on that tour he topped the batting aggregate with 1122 runs at 80.1 including innings of 54, 106, 23 not out, 45 and 28 in **the three 'Tests' against the England U/19s**. He also assisted in 47 dismissals (38 catches and nine stumpings). On his return to Australia he was allocated a place at the AIS Cricket Academy where he again made a big impression with both bat and gloves leading the Academy team on a short tour of South Africa late in the 1991/92 season.

At the start of the 1992/93 Sydney grade season Gilchrist was clearly a cricketer with enormous potential, however he was faced with the dilemma that, if he chose to remain with Gordon he would not be able to command a permanent first grade wicket-keeping position for the foreseeable future. Ironically it was on the advice of his close friend and mentor, Phil Emery, the man who was the cause of the problem, that Gilchrist opted for the move to Northern District.

The first grade team began the season confidently with a powerful win over Penrith, with Adam Gilchrist dismissed for 92, Mark Taylor for 94 and Randal Green for 95. While Taylor was able to play just one more match for the club during the season, and Gilchrist was to miss most of the second half of the year when he won a place in the NSW team, Green went on to have an amazingly successful summer, both as a player and as captain, one which was arguably without equal in the history of the club.

Following on from their big win over Penrith in the opening round, the team performed consistently well as a unit, winning several tight matches before a morale-boosting seventh round win over defending premiers Waverley, at Waverley Oval.



1992/93 First Grade Premiers. Rear (l to r): Phil Gregson, Stuart Dorahy, Ross Turner, Paul Scurr, Grant Nati, Chris Elder, Declan Barnett, Peter O'Reilly, Craig Waddell and Simon Blake. Front (l to r): Frank Clark (NDCC Secretary), Mark Taylor, Dean Gilchrist, Randal Green (Captain), Austen Hughes (NDCC President), Bruce Mills, Mark Lowe and Rocky Harris (NDCC Senior Vice President).

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Any risk of complacency was avoided with a six-wicket loss to the strong Manly team in the 11th round but they then rallied to beat St George at Hurstville Oval thanks to **Green's magnificent captain's innings of 157 in just 175 minutes, a win which** effectively wrapped up the minor premiership. It was the seventh time in eight seasons that the team had reached the semi-finals.

Batting first in the semi-final against fourth-placed Gordon, Northern District made a poor start being **2-21 at one stage, with opener Peter O'Reilly** retired hurt after deflecting a bouncer onto his jaw and having to have ten stitches, reputedly with anaesthetic to ensure that he could bat again immediately if required. Ex-Gordon batsman, Phil Gregson, who had joined ND at the start of the season and had been promoted from second grade towards the end of the competition proper, then proceeded to play his former team out of the match, with good support from Green **(29), O'Reilly (41), Ross Turner (27)** and reserve wicket-keeper, Mark Lowe, in the team in place of Adam Gilchrist who was playing for NSW against Victoria at the **MCG. By stumps on the first day, Northern District's score had reached 6-250** with Gregson still at the wicket on 93. Disappointingly for Gregson personally, and indeed **for the team which was confident of winning the match, the entire second day's play** was washed out thus eliminating Gordon and putting ND into the final.

The 1992/93 final, against Manly-Warringah at Bankstown Oval, was one of the most exciting Sydney grade finals in memory. Unfortunately for Northern District the match coincided with the Sheffield Shield final between NSW and Queensland at the Sydney Cricket Ground, meaning that Adam Gilchrist was again unavailable.

Manly won the toss, and needing to win the match, sent ND in. Again they made a poor start losing both openers early, but again Gregson (73) and Green (65) steadied with a partnership of 110 for the third wicket. Good innings from Ross Turner (23) and Bruce Mills **(25) took the team's final score to 258 midway through the first session of the second day. By lunch Manly's innings appeared in tatters** with the score at 4-9, ND fast bowler Grant Nati bowling magnificently in taking all four wickets for just four runs. Gradually however, the Manly middle and lower order batsmen pulled their team back into the match, eventually taking their total to 206, a first innings deficit of 52.

With the pitch beginning to turn, Manly skipper Phil Marks brought on his experienced off-spinner Gavin Robertson early in the ND second innings with immediate results. Only an aggressive 35 from Randal Green and a tenacious 44 by Mark Lowe prevented the ND innings from being a complete disaster, their final total



Veteran leg-spinner Chris Elder finished his cricket career with a match-winning performance in the 1992/93

of 143 leaving Manly with a target of 196 runs from 45 overs. Although Paul Scurr picked up an early wicket the Manly top-order batsman took control, pushing the score quickly to 3-100 and appearing to have the match and the premiership in hand. But, as in so many classic cricket matches, there were still a couple of turns left. Firstly, veteran leg spinner, Chris Elder, made the vital breakthrough, picking up three quick wickets including the key one of Manly opener Miles Corish for 69. Now, with its Mills and Elder looking set to win the match for ND, the experienced Manly captain, Phil Marks, launched an attack on the spin pair which included three massive sixes. With the light fading, Green persisted with his spinners and was rewarded when Bruce Mills made the vital breakthrough, having Marks caught on the boundary by Craig Waddell. A run out and two more wickets to Elder saw Manly all out for 165, 30 runs shy of their

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Randal Green had a remarkably successful season in 1992/93, scoring over 1000 runs in all club matches and leading the first grade team to a

et. For the 41-year-old Elder as a dream finish to a grade year which had spanned three grades, taking 7-44 from 13.1 overs (10-79 for the match) and winning his first Sydney first grade premiership cap.

The win marked the culmination of a remarkable season for Randal Green. Not only did he lead the first grade team to its premiership win, something which only Tim Edwell, Jim Burke, Neil Harvey and Ross Turner had done previously, his total of 843 runs in grade matches broke his own non-war record of 835 set in 1985/86. When the 223 runs he scored in one-day matches were

added, his total number of runs for the season came to 1066, 40 more than Bill Alley had scored 50 years earlier in 1942/43. Technically Alley's record still stood because all of his runs had been scored in grade matches - even though all were one-dayers. Green's full season average of 71.1 (60.2 in grade games and 223.0 in one-dayer - he was dismissed only once) compared favourably with Alley's average of 46.6 and was only marginally inferior to that of the only other 1000+ run scorer, Les Fallowfield, whose 1011 runs in a mixture of two and one-day matches in 1941/42 were scored at 72.2.

Hardly surprisingly Green's aggregate has the best for the club and also the best in Sydney grade for 1992/93 although he was only third in the grade averages behind Petersham's Graham Hughes and his new team-mate Adam Gilchrist. Green also figured prominently in the prestigious Sydney Morning Herald cricket awards, sharing the O'Reilly Medal for the player of the year with Waverley's Kyle Thompson (and consequently winning the NDCC Player of the Year award) and joining Ross Edwards and Ross Turner as the only ND winners of the SMH Captain of the Year award.

The bowling attack, reminiscent of the Chilvers/ Caldwell era of the 1930s and 40s, revolved around the two spinners who between them bowled almost 600 overs, capturing 71 wickets - Elder 40 at 16.3 and Mills 31 at 23.8. Paul Scurr (25 wickets at 28.0) and Grant Nati (18 at 34.2) formed an effective new ball combination with Green also making a valuable contribution with his medium pacers, picking up 21 wickets at 29.1

After a break of four seasons the first grade limited-overs competition was re-introduced in 1992/93, this time under the sponsorship of Carlton and United Breweries and known as the Reschs Cup. It was fourth attempt at staging such a competition. The first, privately organised, competition by Jim Burke was held in 1967/68; followed by the Rothmans Cup (from 1968/69 to 1975/76) and the Bensons and Hedges Cup (1985/86 to 1987/88). The Reschs Cup differed from its predecessors in that it carried first grade (x 6) club championship points (another factor in Northern District's significant improvement that season), coloured clothing and fielding circles. In 12 previous attempts ND had failed to win, and although they reached the semi-finals in 1992/93 they again missed out, beaten by the eventual winners, North Sydney.

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After finishing third-last in 1991/92 the ND second grade team improved considerably in 1992/93 finishing in tenth place in what was to be Jack Moran's **sixth**, and final season as captain. Although they were unlikely to have reached the semi-finals the team had little luck with the weather with rain halting five matches, most of which they looked likely to win.

Despite these team disappointments there were a number of outstanding individual performances. Declan Barnett, with 533 runs at 66.6, led both the club and grade batting aggregate, scoring centuries against Balmain (144 at Drummoyne Oval) and Manly (109 at Manly Oval) after opening the season in third grade with an even 100 against Penrith at Cook Park. Newcomer Phil Gregson also batted consistently before his timely promotion to first grade, scoring 437 runs at 54.6, also with two centuries: 157 not out against Waverley at Waitara Oval and 141 not out against Mosman at Rawson Park.

Leading all-rounders were Mark Cattley (389 runs at 29.9 and 12 wickets at 32.8); and Stuart Dorahy, who showed the benefit of an off-season in England by scoring 301 runs at 27.4 and taking 30 wickets at 20.3 with his accurate leg-spinners – only the **ninth second grader in the club's history to achieve the 300/30 double. Included in Dorahy's 30 wickets were innings figures of 7-61** against Manly at Manly Oval and 9-103 (from 42 overs) against University of NSW at Waitara Oval, the latter being the third best bowling analysis by an ND player behind Frank Gilmore (10-41 in 1936/37) and Ken Clarke (9-45 in 1950/51).

Two wins from 13 matches saw the Northern District third grade team, led for the first time by Ritchie Griffiths, finish in equal second-last place. While the talent was there, most players lacked consistency with only two batsmen (wicket-keeper Andrew Blaikie, 301 and Justin Howse 270) able to total more than 200 runs and no bowler able to pass 20 wickets for the season. One of few bowling highlights was Brad Erickson's **6-30** against Western Suburbs at Asquith Oval including the first hat-trick in third grade for almost 25 years.

Fourth grade was easily the best-performed of the NDCC lower grade teams during 1992/93, losing just three matches and narrowly missing a semi-final place. The team was captained by Mal Middleton in what was to be his final season with the **club. Best of the team's batsmen was 20-year-old opener Mark Hoffman**, the first in a string of players to join ND from the Narara-Wyoming club on the Central Coast, who topped both aggregate and averages with 457 runs at 38.0, including a century (118) against Bankstown at Asquith Oval. Another young player to impress was 21-year-old Jeremy Hook who, despite missing a number of matches with a broken arm, was able to score 385 runs in just five innings including a brilliant 134 against Randwick at Kensington Oval.

The rain which plagued the 1992/93 season hit the Northern District fifth **grade team particularly hard with seven of their matches having the second day's play** washed out. In a number of these matches they looked likely winners so their final result of 18th place with just one win was extremely frustrating for new captain Allan Gear and his young team. Gear himself was the best performed player, winning all four playing awards with 235 runs at 21.5 and 19 wickets at 10.2.

The Northern District Poidevin-Gray Shield team again performed well, **winning, as they had done the previous season, the competition's northern division.** This time they went one stage further, winning their semi-final, before going down to Campbelltown in the final. Three batsmen scored centuries: Craig Waddell, 127 against North Sydney; Adam Gilchrist, 118 against Balmain; and Mark Cattley, 112 **against Penrith. Waddell's 331 runs at 47.3 was the best aggregate and average, ahead of Andrew Prince (263 at 37.6).** Unfortunately for the team Gilchrist was lost to representative duties midway through the campaign.

After a poor start in which they lost their opening two matches, the AW Green Shield team also did well, losing just one of their last seven matches to finish in fourth place in their division. Tim Lowe, in his third year with the team, led the side with John McQuillan as manager. Craig Beck, with 341 runs at 42.7, was the leading batsman, ahead of Lowe (284 at 40.6) and Matthew Daykin (245 at 35.0). Best of the bowlers were right-arm quick Daniel Cunningham (15 wickets at 15.9), Matthew Smith (13 at 22.2) and Daykin (10 at 21.2).

The City and Suburban team's year was also disrupted by rain with just 16 matches played for four wins, two ties and ten losses. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly 61-year-old Allan May's feat in joining **Hugh Chilvers** as the only players to have taken 1000 wickets for the club. Then in his 39th season with ND, May had first played for the club as a 22-year-old in 1954/55. Although he started and finished his career in the City and Suburban team, May took almost half of his wickets (416) in grade matches, playing in every grade except firsts. The 1000 wickets, taken early in his career with right-arm fast mediums, later with leg spin, came at an average of just 13.6 apiece and included three hat-tricks – or five, if his remarkable effort in taking five wickets in five balls for the C&S team against Overseas during the 1956/57 season is considered as three hat-tricks. When the three hat-tricks which he had previously taken for the Marsfield Cricket Club in the NDCA Association competition are added, he had thus taken eight hat-tricks.

A fine clubman and life member since 1984, May had served on the NDCC committee for many years including a decade or more as assistant treasurer and the organiser of the schoolboy Northern District Cup.

Sadly the 1992/93 season saw the death of another fine clubman in Ron Ewington who passed away at the age of 77 on 2 December 1992. Although he only played for the club at the conclusion of his career (from 1951/52 to 1957/58) Ewington served ND in a number of capacities including terms as secretary (1956 to 1959), NSWCA delegate (1956 to 1959), senior vice president (1963 to 1968) and president (1968 to 1971). In 1960 he had been elected as a life member and retained an interest in the club right through until the time of his death.

For the second year in a row Barker and Oakhill Colleges contested the final of the Northern District Cup at Waitara Oval. From their 28 overs Oakhill scored 7-122 with NDCC fourth grader, Mark Barrett scoring 79 not out. Barker was able to reach the target for the loss of three wickets with four overs to spare, drawing the Hornsby school level with long-time rivals, Normanhurst Boys High as five-time winners of the Cup.

1993/94

Northern District entered the 1993/94 season with much optimism following the success in the previous season of its first grade side, promising efforts by the two age teams and the anticipation of a resurgence from the lower grade teams. Given these expectations, the subsequent poor performances by all five grade teams was doubly disappointing with the club slumping to 16th on the club championship and, for the first time since 1976/77 season, not having a team in the semi-finals.

The first grade team, again captained by Randal Green, was largely unchanged from the one which had won the 1992/93 premiership, indeed if anything, it was strengthened with the return of all-rounder Neil Maxwell after two seasons in Melbourne from where he had won a place in the Victorian Sheffield Shield team. Both Maxwell and Adam Gilchrist were selected in the NSW squad leading to them missing several matches each, while Mark Taylor was available for just one match all season. Sydney University were the unfortunate opponents for that third round match

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at Waitara Oval as both Taylor (111) and Green (117) plundered centuries from a student attack which included three ex-team mates in Brad Patterson and the Grimble brothers, although Patterson had set the pace in the match with a brilliant **116 from Uni's total of 241.**

By mid-season the defence of the premiership appeared on target with the team unbeaten and safely in the top four. From there however a combination of complacency and team disruption caused by representative matches appeared to set in and their form slumped to such an extent that they were unable to win another match and gradually slid down the table to eventually finish in 13th place. While the bowling was generally steady and reliable rather than brilliant, but nevertheless effective, the batting lacked consistency with only Gilchrist (667 runs at 74.1), Green (402 at 33.5) and Maxwell (219 at 31.3) able to average more than 30. All three at various times were missing on state duty, with Green receiving a belated recall to the NSW team. Unfortunately for him one of the two matches in which he played was the notorious match against Western Australia on a bouncy WACA pitch where NSW, after losing Greg Matthews on the eve of the match after he was injured in a night club brawl, were beaten outright in just two days. While Green was far from being the worst of the batsmen, scoring 32 in the second innings, he was given just one more opportunity in the match against Tasmania in Hobart before being dropped. Capping off a most successful season as far as representation was concerned, young pace bowler Paul Scurr played one match for the NSW Second XI.

The performance of Gilchrist in scoring almost 800 runs in just 13 matches (10 grade and three one-dayers) with four centuries was outstanding. In round six, against Manly at Manly Oval, his maiden grade century with the club (113) took just over two hours, then against Sutherland in the ninth round he scored 129 in 180 minutes with two sixes and 18 fours from an innings total of 170 all out.

Unfortunately for Northern District news of the young left-**hander's brilliance** had crossed the continent, and, with Phil Emery entrenched as the NSW wicket-keeper, Gilchrist accepted an offer from the Western Australian Cricket Association to move to Perth. At the start of the 1994/95 season he took over from Tim Zoehrer as the WA wicket-keeper where he quickly established himself as the heir-apparent to Australian Test and ODI wicket-keeper, Ian Healy. The rest is history. In 1996/97 Gilchrist made his ODI debut in a match against South Africa in Faridabad, retaining his place as a specialist batsman before eventually replacing Healy as wicket-keeper following the end of the 1997 Australian tour to England. At the start of the **1999/2000 season he took over the Test 'keeping spot. In just his second Test match** he combined with WA team-mate Justin Langer to pull off an extraordinary win in the Second Test of the series against Pakistan at Bellerive Oval, scoring 149 not out in the second innings as he and Langer steered Australia to an unlikely win with a 238-run partnership for the sixth wicket.

With Jack Moran electing to drop down to captain third grade, the leadership of the 1993/94 Northern District second grade team passed to Angus Farncomb. In a keenly contested competition their final placing of 12th was a little misleading as they only finished one outright win away from third place. **The team's two most** experienced batsmen were their best, Farncomb leading the aggregate with 406 runs (at 45.1) and Ross Turner the averages with 53.3 (320 runs). Five batsmen scored centuries: Farncomb (129 vs Sydney University), Jeremy Hook (111 vs Penrith), Phil Gregson (117 not out vs Penrith), Simon Waddington (111 vs Petersham-Marrickville) and Simon Blake (136 vs Waverley). The bowling generally lacked penetration with spinners Martin Field (15 wickets at 21.4) and Mark Cattley (20 at 26.4) the only two able to average less than 30 runs per wicket.

Third grade was one of only two teams to improve on their previous season, finishing in ninth place with six wins, a considerable improvement on the two wins of

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the previous year. The presence of Jack Moran was clearly a factor, both through his leadership and his batting, where he topped both aggregate and averages with 448 runs at 44.8. Only one other bat, Ben Geoghegan (212 at 35.3) passed the 200-run mark while only leg-spinner Danny Lea (23 wickets at 13.0) took more than 20 wickets. A number of promising young players made their debuts, including Ross Longley, the 18-year-old son of former club stalwart, Ken Longley.

After a season of promise in 1992/93 the fourth grade team finished in 15th place with just three wins from 11 completed matches. Led by Allan Gear, an unwieldy total of 26 players went through the team at various stages of the year, the most promising being 16-year-old Matthew Daykin who scored his maiden grade century, 105 against Mosman at Asquith Oval, on his way to third grade. In the same match Dominic Hodson scored a hard-hitting 141, the only other century of the season.

The club's highest-placed grade team was fifth grade which finished in eighth place on 39 points. In a season with few individual highlights, Tim Lowe won both batting aggregate and averages with 214 runs at 30.6 while John Beckett, with 13 wickets, won the bowling aggregate.

The disappointments of the season continued with the Poidevin-Gray Shield team winning just two matches, although three of their five losses were by five runs or less. Mark Cattley, who led the side during the second half of the competition, was the stand-out player, with 259 runs at 43.1 and 9 wickets at 25.5. Leg spinner, Daniel Lea, also showed promise in taking 14 wickets at 17.7.

Only the club's AW Green Shield performed up to expectations. Under manager John McQuillan, captain Alex Morris and coach Mark Lowe they finishing second in their division with six wins, two losses one washed-out draw from their nine matches. Unfortunately they saved their poorest batting display for the semi-final – all out for just 51 from 35 overs against the eventual Shield winners, Fairfield-Liverpool. Several players of promise showed up with 15-year-old Clinton Witt (300 runs at 42.9) easily the dominant batsman, and Brett Hottes (13 wickets at 14.8), Geoff Barnes (12 at 16.2) and Phillip McQuillan (12 at 21.6) sharing the bowling honours.

In what was destined to be its final season the Northern District City and Suburban team managed to play just 12 matches from the 22 which had originally been organised, winning three and losing nine. Since the departure of Rae Richmond in the early 1980s the C&S team had lost much of its relevance to the club as a whole and it was consequently decided by the club committee that the team would be dropped following the end of the 1993/94 season.

Although the City and Suburban Cricket Association had been formed in 1903, Northern District did not enter a team until the 1947/48 season when there was a surge of interest in cricket from the many ex-servicemen returning from the **Second World War. It is unlikely that the club's participation in what was essentially a social** cricket competition would have lasted for more than a few years but for the enthusiasm and dedication of Max Lloyd and Rae Richmond. With the organisation of C&S matches the responsibility of the various competing clubs there was a considerable workload involved and from the early 1950s the majority of this was being shouldered by Richmond who did his job so well that the team would often have well over 30 matches in its itinerary, many on annual trips as far afield as Goulburn and Canberra.

A new name was engraved on the Northern District Cup in 1993/94 with the win by Ku-ring-gai High School in the cup final, played at Parklands Oval in late March 1994. For the third year in a row Oakhill College had the disappointment of being beaten finalists. Ku-ring-gai High, whose headmaster was Tom Richmond, became the first State co-educational school to win the Cup.

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Countering the on-field disappointments of the 1993/94 season came the announcement by the Australian Cricket Board, on 19 May 1994, of the appointment of Mark Taylor as **Australia's cricket captain. Although Neil Harvey** had been the first (and only previous) Australian captain to have played for the club, Taylor was the first current **NDCC player, and the only 'homegrown' one to have done so.**

While he was undoubtedly fortunate to inherit an Australian team which was well on its way to the top of the international cricket tree, Taylor quickly stamped his own personality on the job. For the next five years the calm assuredness and dignity which marked his captaincy were to bring that rare combination of on-field success and off-field respect back to Australian cricket. Having begun his state captaincy career with centuries in each innings of the 1989/90 Sheffield Shield final he went to **the other extreme, making a 'pair' in his first match as Test captain against Pakistan at Karachi** - surely a record which will never be matched!

The esteem in which Taylor was held in cricketing circles increased steadily throughout his period as captain, not only because of the success of the team but also for his own demeanour. This was never more evident than on the occasion early in 1997 tour of England when an extended period of batting failures looked likely to see him dropped from the team. When he reached his century in the second innings of the First Test at Edgbaston, rather than using the moment as an opportunity to rebuke his critics with gestures and bat-pointing as others had done in the past, Taylor simply acknowledged the plaudits of the crowd in his own quite dignified manner.

The greatest personal moment in Taylor's Test career came in the first innings of the Second Test against Pakistan at Peshawar in 1998. After batting for two full days, Taylor equalled Don Bradman's record **Australian individual score of 334 from the second last ball of the third day's play. Unable to score from the final ball of the day** he was then faced with the decision of whether to declare the innings closed or to **bat on and try to pass both Bradman's Australian record and Brian Lara's world record** of 375. While the press and media speculated on what his decision would be those who knew Taylor best were never in doubt that he would sacrifice his personal goals in favour of those of the team. His selfless decision captured the imagination of the Australian public and Mark Taylor became an instant folk hero.

The 1994 NDCC Annual General Meeting both Geoff Weir and Ross Turner were elected as life members. The meeting also saw Frank Clark step down as club secretary after a total of eight years (1985/86 to 1989/90 and 1991/92 to 1993/94) in that position.

Knowing in advance of the imminent vacancy, the club had been scouting around for a suitable replacement. It was Ross Turner, in his capacity of NDCC representative on the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council, who suggested that the club approach Jim Barrett, who had impressed him with his administrative abilities as the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association delegate to the Council.

Barrett had played junior cricket in the Canterbury district competition where he had been that **district's Durham Shield wicket-keeper.** He later moved to Berowra where he played A grade for the Berowra club as well as for the Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Martin Shield team. His ability as a keeper was evident by the fact that when he won the 1986/87 Campbell Sproule Trophy for the most dismissals in the HK&HDCA competition, 22 of his 38 dismissals were stumpings. In 1988/89 he retired from A grade to take up umpiring for the next two seasons, before returning to play B grade in 1991/92 and 1992/93.



Jim Barrett.

Although still only 40 years old when he joined NDCC, Barrett had been involved in cricket administration for 17 years, initially as secretary, senior vice **president and president of the Berowra club and later as that club's delegate and an executive committee member of the HK&HDCA.** Among a number of achievements he had played a major role in the introduction of Kanga Cricket in the early 1990s.

1994/95

For at least 15 years, the NDCC had been attempting to build a clubroom at Waitara Oval but had constantly been frustrated either by a lack of funds or by an inability to obtain council approval for a variety of proposed projects which included a separate building located adjacent to the tennis courts on the southern end of the oval and a closed-in area at the rear of the existing grandstand. It was not until 1993 that a solution was found when an engineering inspection of the small double-brick canteen located to the south of the grandstand revealed that it would support a structure above it. The design, which was finally approved by Hornsby Council, saw a room which extended to the southern wall of the grandstand, and importantly, blended almost perfectly with that 1929 structure.

The second problem, that of raising around \$32,000 to finance the project, was achieved largely through a special tribute lunch to celebrate Mark Taylor's **appointment as Australia's Test captain. The lunch, held at the ANA Hotel in Sydney on 19 August 1994** was sponsored by the Daily Telegraph Mirror newspaper, attracted over 400 guests and helped raise around \$24,000.

In honour of the man who had done so much for the club in general and for the building of the clubroom in particular, it was named the Austen Hughes Clubroom, and was officially opened in October 1994 by NSWCA President, and one of **Northern District's finest ex-players, Alan Davidson.**

On a sad note, 1994 saw the loss of both members of Northern District's great pre-war spin bowling partnership with Tim Caldwell dying at the age of 80 on 17 June and Hugh Chilvers on 1 December 1994, aged 91.

The serious slump which had begun in the early 1990s continued through the 1994/95 season with the club finishing 17th in the club championship, its lowest finish since coming last in the 16-club competition of 1952/53. It was the fourth time in five seasons that ND had finished 15th or lower in the club championship and, for the second season in a row, no grade team reached the semi-finals.

In his fifth, and final, season as first grade captain Randal Green led the team through a frustrating season in which they won seven of their 12 matches which produced results but were held to draws four times in rain-affected matches, in at least two of these occasions they were looking certain winners. They eventually finished in tenth place although their performances deserved a higher placing. Green himself had a typically consistent season scoring 507 runs at 33.8, while Dean Gilchrist topped both aggregate and averages with 514 runs at 42.8.

Apart from the loss of Adam Gilchrist to Western Australia, the only major player to leave the club was fast bowler Grant Nati who joined the North Sydney club, **eventually playing in that club's first grade team which was beaten by Bankstown in the competition final.** As is so often the case the loss of one player brought out the best in another and **Nati's departure created an opening which was filled most capably by left arm paceman Simon Waddington.** Although Waddington had been with ND since the 1986/87 Green Shield season he had struggled to fulfil his undoubted potential although he had won a place in the NSW Under 17 team in 1987/88. Prior to the 1994/95 season he had played just one first grade match, yet

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such was the improvement that by the end of the season he had taken 42 wickets at an average of just 16.7 and won a place in the NSW Second XI team which defeated NSW Country in a three-day match at Bankstown Oval, the Country team including young Central Coast batsman, Andrew Sainsbury, **shortly to become Waddington's team-mate at Northern District.**

Another young player to establish himself as a regular first grader was Mark Cattley who scored 399 runs at 30.7 while promising 17-year-old Matthew Daykin made his top grade debut after some impressive second grade performances.

The first grade team's performance in the Reschs Limited-Overs competition was most disappointing, finishing last without a win.

With the retirement of Angus Farncomb, who left to concentrate on his career as a pharmacist, the second grade captaincy was given to 23-year-old Jeremy Hook who led one of the youngest, least experienced teams in that grade for many years. Despite this, they began the season brilliantly, when, playing on a typical Waitara Oval 'belter', **they responded to Balmain's total of 349 with 6-452, the second highest innings total in the club's history in second grade and the fourth highest in any grade.** Star of the match was exciting young batsman, Matt Daykin, with a brilliant innings of **191. The team's outright loss in the following round against Campbelltown** unfortunately set the pattern for the season with good wins generally countered by losing patches, resulting in a final placing of 13th with five wins, seven losses and three draws. Daykin, with 360 runs at 45.0 led both batting aggregate and averages before being promoted to firsts, while Hook (326 runs at 40.8) and Simon Blake (355 at 39.4), back from a season in England, were the only other batsmen to stand out. **Hook's 112 against Bankstown-Canterbury at Bankstown Oval** was the only other century-maker for the year.

Of the bowlers, the most impressive was paceman Dave Peel, who in his first season in grade, took 25 wickets at 27.8. Spinner David Giltrap, promoted from third grade the previous season, made a brilliant second grade debut, taking with 7-76 in the first match of the season against Balmain and finishing with 23 wickets at 29.1.

Jack Moran again had the task of moulding together a new third grade team with many of his players from the previous season pushed up to fill spots in the higher grades. From 15 matches they won four and lost seven to finish in 15th place. As always skipper Moran led the way, his 303 runs at 31.4 beaten only by Brad Erickson's 363 at 40.3 which included a career-best 139 against St George. Brett Penprase (23 at 17.4) was the only bowler to take more than 20 wickets.

Fourth grade had a similarly mediocre season, finishing in 13th place with four **wins, three draws and eight losses. The team's batting was generally disappointing** although it did suffer from the promotion of its two best performers, Tim Lowe (266 runs from just four innings) and Matt Schenke (211 in three innings) early in the season. The remaining bats struggled with only team captain, John Cheeseman, able to pass the 300-run mark for the season. Schenke (170 not out) and Lowe (133) each scored centuries against Balmain in the season-opener against Balmain at Asquith Oval, while Cheeseman's **115 against Sutherland was scored at the same ground. Ben Carter, with 17 wickets at 14.2, was the leading wicket-taker.**

The fifth grade team performed reasonably with five wins, four draws and six losses putting them in a creditable 11th place. New captain, Roger Clift, was easily the best of the batsmen, scoring 434 runs at 54.3, while a couple of promising fast bowlers made their grade debuts, John Beckett taking 19 wickets at 19.8 and John Tait, 16 at 21.6. The leading wicket-taker was spinner, Phil McQuillan, with 27 at 21.9. Another to impress was young wicket-keeper/batsman, Kris Griffith-Jones who took 19 catches and four stumpings.

After winning three of their first four matches, the 1994/95 Poidevin-Gray Shield team were defeated in each of their last three games to finish seventh in their

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division. Exciting batsman, Matthew Daykin, again impressed scoring 278 runs at 39.7 including a brilliant 124 against Sydney University.

With 30 local high schools competing, the Northern District Cup had its largest field since it began in 1976/77. The final was played at Kenthurst Oval between five-time winners Barker College and James Ruse Agricultural College, contesting its first final. Batting first, James Ruse scored 7-109 from their 28 overs and then **dismissed Barker for 98. It was Barker's first loss in a final since 1978/79, all four subsequent appearances having resulted in wins.**

Ross Turner joined Randal Green in announcing his retirement and in their honour a Tribute Dinner was held at the Epping RSL Club on 18 August 1995.

Although Green was leaving grade cricket he would continue to play cricket, captaining the South Sydney club to the semi-finals of the 1999/2000 Shires first grade competition, scoring 414 runs, taking 39 wickets, and winning the Shires first grade Captain of the Year award.

Likewise Turner was certainly not turning his back on cricket – indeed quite the opposite. Although a school teacher by profession, since September 1989 he had been employed by the NSW Cricket Association as its Development Manager, and such was his talent in that area that, in September 1998 he was appointed Global Development Manager for the International Cricket Council (ICC) in London. At the end of his three-year term, in August 2000, he returned to Australia to take up an appointment in Melbourne as General Manager, Community Cricket for the Australian Cricket Board.

1995/96

The retirement of Randal Green **and Peter O'Reilly** together with the transfer of Neil Maxwell to the Balmain club and Dean Gilchrist to Mosman, once again left Northern District with the task of re-constructing its first grade team. Bruce Mills **took over the captaincy, leading a side comprised predominantly of the club's** emerging talent reinforced by two promising young players from the country, both of whom would later play Sheffield Shield cricket, in Andrew Sainsbury and Don Nash.

21-year-old Sainsbury, a left-handed opener whose game was based on a sound technique and great powers of concentration, had played all his previous club cricket with the Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club where NDCC president, Austen Hughes, had recently been appointed patron. A Central Coast representative player for several seasons Sainsbury had blossomed during the 1994/95 season, represented NSW at the Australian Country Championships in Western Australia; captained the NSW Country Under 21 team and toured New Zealand with the Northern NSW Colts (Emu) team.

Nash, from Dubbo in the NSW central west, was a tall, powerfully built right arm fast bowler who, although he only played two matches late in the season, showed enough to indicate that he was a bowler with a future.

Other newcomers were former Mosman and Western Suburbs wicketkeeper/batsman, Joe Audet, and off-spinner Karl Danenbergsons from Penrith.

The team began the season in the toughest possible way, drawn away against a full-strength Banks-town team which included the Waugh twins, Wayne Holdsworth, Scott Thomson and David Freedman. Fortunately ND had Mark Taylor available for the match and although beaten the young team showed enough to indicate that they **would be competitive. Taylor's 94 was the highlight of the match for ND and he**

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Former Gosford-Wyong and NSW Country representative batsman Andrew Sainsbury joined ND at the start of the 1995/96 season.

followed up with an innings of 129 in the second match, against Western Suburbs at Waitara Oval, his only other match for the club that season.

Although the team eventually finished in 12th place on 36 points there were a number of highlights including a win over Campbelltown in the third round when they recovered from 5-102 to reach a win target of 339, a tense win over Balmain in the next match; an

outright tie with Randwick and an outright win over Gordon.

The team's batting was consistent, with seven batsmen scoring in excess of 300 runs for the season, Matthew Daykin (616 at 30.8) leading the way from Simon Blake (494 at 26.0), Graham Hanlon (424 at 24.9), Mark Lowe (388 at 24.3), Sainsbury (386 at 21.4), Simon Waddington (385 at 27.5) and Mills (371 at 24.7).

One remarkable performance was that of David Cleland who began the season in fifth grade, scored hundreds in that grade and then in fourth grade, followed by an 82 in thirds, batted consistently in second grade and filled in as a replacement for one match in first grade where he scored 44 – a total of 795 runs for the season, scored in all five grades.

Unfortunately Simon Waddington was unable to recapture his bowling brilliance of the previous year and could only take 13 wickets at 65.9, the bowling honours going to Mills, with 27 wickets at 31.6.

The team improved significantly in the Sunday Limited-Overs competition finishing in sixth place with Sainsbury the standout player, scoring 168 runs at 56.0.

An inexperienced second grade team struggled to compete, and, with five different captains and 25 different players the team was never able to gain any momentum, winning just two matches and eventually finishing in last place. There were some good individual performances, including that of Karl Danenbergsons who scored 278 runs at 27.8 and took 31 wickets at 22.9; Matthew Schenke (510 runs at 30.0), Joe Audet (461 runs at 30.7) and Tim Lowe (446 runs at 23.5).

The third grade team was also unable to field a settled side with 28 players taking the field at various times. Under captains Dominic Hodson (9 matches) and John Whelan (5), they performed better than their final placing of 13th would suggest with their inexperience leaving them narrow losers in a number of matches which they looked set to win. Hodson himself had a fine year, scoring 314 runs at 31.4 and taking 18 wickets at 15.0, with other leading performers being Clinton Witt (346 runs at 26.6), Ryan Bolger (299 at 33.3) and John Beckett (24 wickets at 25.0).

Roger Clift became the sixth different fourth grade captain in as many seasons and did well to lead his team into ninth place with 46 points, six places and almost twice as many points better than in 1994/95. Leading the batting aggregate was Jack

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Moran, whose 436 runs (at 36.3) took him to within one good innings of Neil Marks' record career batting record of 11,670 runs. Others to do well were wicketkeeper/batsman, Kris Griffith-Jones, with 303 runs at 43.3 including a brilliant 97 in 130 minutes against Parramatta, and Jon Tait whose tally of 37 wickets (at 17.3) was almost twice as many as the next best bowler.

After a promising start the **fifth grade team's form deteriorated from mid-season** and they eventually finished in 12th place on 34 points. Only two batsmen, Spencer Goddard (253 runs at 25.3) and David Cleland (207 at 207.0), before his promotions through the grades, scored more than 200 runs for the year, while Peter Whelan (26 wickets at 21.1) and Ben Hogarth (20 at 21.5) were the leading wicket-takers.

In the Poidevin-Gray Shield competition the ND team, led for the third straight year by Mark Cattley, finished a disappointing seventh place in their division with just two wins from their seven matches. The two wins could hardly have been more impressive, dismissing Mosman for just 45 in the second match and scoring 378 from 59 overs in their final match against North Sydney. The latter match saw some amazing batting, including 109 in 105 minutes from 18-year-old Cameron Eve with 6 sixes and 8 fours, and a whirlwind 44 by Ryan Bolger of which 30 runs came from one over. Their effort in then dismissing North Sydney for just 65 indicated how much untapped talent the team possessed.

In the opinion of Tom Richmond, the Northern District team which contested the 1995/96 AW Green Shield was the best the club had fielded in 20 years. His judgement proved accurate and the U/16 team, led by Quentin Donald, provided the club with its only semi-finalists for the season. They showed plenty of character right from the start of their campaign with a gutsy win over Mosman at Rawson Park, recovering from 5-41 to post 115 and then dismissing the home team for 109 after they had been 6-106 with 14 overs in hand. They eventually finished second in their



After years of delays and setbacks a clubhouse was finally built at Waitara Oval and opened in 1995.

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division and were beaten in a semi-final the eventual winners Campbelltown at Raby Park. John Horler and Sam Harnwell were the best of the batsmen with aggregates of 250 and 203 runs respectively, Horler winning a place in the Combined Northern Division representative team.

After being beaten in the previous year's final, Barker College bounced back to take out the Northern District Cup for a record sixth time. In the final, played on the College's oval at Hornsby, they defeated St Leo's College.

For many years, indeed virtually from its first match in 1925, ND's home ground at Waitara Oval had been widely recognised as one of Sydney's premier cricket venues. In response to a request from the NSCWA for expressions of interest in hosting both an U/19 One Day International and an U/19 Youth Test between Australia and New Zealand, Waitara was allocated both matches. The ODI was held on Sunday 24 March and the Test from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 March 1996. Appropriately the teams in the Youth Test were contesting the Tim Caldwell Trophy, on the ground where that outstanding contributor to Australian cricket had played so much of his own cricket.

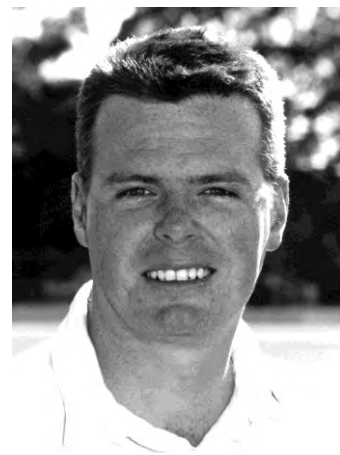
Sadly, during the week of the international matches, news of the death of John Kershaw reached the club. Many who saw him play considered Kershaw to be among the most naturally talented cricketers to represent Northern District, indeed the late Jim Burke **once commented that had Kershaw possessed his (Burke's) concentration** he would undoubtedly have been the best batsman in Australia. A nephew of legendary spin bowler Hugh Chilvers, Kershaw was an outstanding schoolboy **sportsman at Scots College where he led the school's First XI and First XV to premierships in their respective competitions.** While still at school he made his grade debut with Northern District in 1941/42, and from 1943/44 until 1963/64 he was a regular member of the first grade team.

At the 1996 NDCC Annual General Meeting Randal Green's **outstanding** contribution to the club was recognised with him being awarded life membership – the 28th recipient of this honour.

1996/97

In an effort to understand, and hopefully reverse, the worrying slump which had enveloped the NDCC through the 1990s, the club committee adopted a strategy of **"benchmarking" the club against three of the more successful Sydney grade clubs.** A six-man working party (Jim Barrett, Ross Turner, Mark Lowe, Simon Waddington, Bill Lezes and Brev Johnson) split into three groups of two, and met with representatives of the Bankstown-Canterbury, Randwick and St George clubs to discuss how these clubs were approaching a range of club activities including practice, coaching, selections, cricket operations, fund-raising and administration. The working party then co-ordinated their findings and reported back to the full committee with a number of suggested improvements.

Whether it was the implementation of these changes **or simply a general maturing in the play of the club's** talented but inexperienced cricketers – almost certainly it was a combination of both – but the club made a remarkable improvement across all grades, improving 13 places in the club championship (18th to fifth) and reaching the semi-finals in second, third and fourth grades.



Mark Lowe.

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While the improvement in the top grade team wasn't as noticeable as it was in the lower grades (they finished equal 10th - 13th after a countback on quotients - on 40 points) they produced some outstanding efforts, including wins over both the eventual finalists, St George and Mosman, combined with some disappointing losses to lower-placed teams. The loss of Bruce Mills, who was transferred to Bellingen with his work, meant that the team had its third different captain in three years with Mark Lowe taking over. With the exception of Mills, the team was pretty much the same as the one which had finished the 1995/96 season with Don Nash giving the team its first genuinely fast bowler since the days of Steve Bernard and Mark Clews. Off-spinner, Karl Danenbergsons, took over the off-spinning duties while Joe Audet kept wickets in lieu of Lowe who played as a specialist batsman.

While the bowling was generally up to the required standard the team's batting lacked consistency and only once, late in the season, were they able to score more than 300 in an innings. Only three batsmen were able to score in excess of 300 runs for the season. The best of the trio was Andrew Sainsbury, who moved from opener to number three, and topped both aggregate and averages with 564 runs at 33.2 including his maiden grade hundred (146 against Penrith at Waitara Oval) - the only century of the season in first grade. Mark Lowe (459 runs at 27.0) and Matt Daykin (397 at 28.4) were the only other consistent performers with the bat.

The big improver with the ball was John Whelan, who in his first full season in the top grade, led the bowling aggregate with 39 wickets at 20.9 ahead of Don Nash (25 at 19.2), Matt Daykin (24 at 11.0) and Simon Waddington (23 at 30.5). Behind the stumps Joe Audet impressed, with 34 catches and two stumpings for the year while 18-year-old Dominic Thornely made his debut with the club towards the end of the season.

Formerly from Albury, Thornely had first attracted the attention of Sydney grade clubs when, playing for NSW, he won the Player of the Championship award at the 1994/95 Australian Under 17 Championships, scoring 475 runs at an average of 237.5, including an innings of 191 not out in the final against Queensland. From there he won a place in the Australian U/17 Development Squad.

As it invariably had done since the commencement of the various limited-over competitions in the mid-1960s, ND performed poorly in what was now the Fosters Light Ice Cup, finishing in 14th place.

After almost a decade languishing in the bottom half of the competition table, the ND second grade team surged back into contention, coming from last place in 1995/96 to reach the semi-finals for the first time since 1983/84. Under first-time captain Ben Munro they began promisingly with good wins over Penrith and Randwick, but could only win one of their next five matches and again looked destined for a low finish. From the eighth round onwards however they struck a purple patch, winning six of their last eight matches, unlucky not to win a seventh when Parramatta held out for a draw with their last pair at the crease and 53 more runs needed, and the other match abandoned without any play. In four of their last five matches the team scores were 321, 7-320 declared, 9-396 declared and 8-302 declared.

Unfortunately this strong batting form deserted them in their semi-final against minor premiers Manly where they were easily beaten after being dismissed for just 111. Nevertheless it had been a remarkable turnaround – from 20th to fourth in just one season. More importantly the improvement was to be consolidated over the following seasons, culminating in a well-deserved premiership late in the decade.

With the consistently high team scores – seven innings of more than 300 and 10 of more than 250 – there were a number of fine individual batting performances. **The best was by Neil D'Costa**, whose total of 550 runs at 68.8 included three centuries: 170 not out against Manly, 105 against Campbelltown and 106 against

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Parramatta. Declan Barnett (393 runs at 30.2), Anthony Hook (386 at 38.6), wicket-keeper Kris Griffith-Jones (270 at 26.4) all topped 300 runs for the seasons, while Simon Blake (140 vs Balmain), Clinton Witt (163 not out vs Fairfield) and Craig Waddell (151 not out vs Parramatta) all scored hundreds. The total of six centuries was the most ever in a season by an ND second grade team, while it was only the **second time in any grade for the club that three batsman (D'Costa, Witt and Waddell)** had made scores of 150-plus in the same season.

Whilst there were fewer standout individual performances from the bowlers, they were consistent and reliable throughout the season. Paceman, Ross Longley, was the leading wicket-taker with 31 at 23.2, just ahead of David Peel (30 at 28.5), Cameron Eve (24 at 25.2) and 17-year-old rookie leg-spinner, Steven Coombes.

The third grade team, led again by Dominic Hodson, ran a similar course to second grade: inconsistent during the first half of the season then stringing together a long series of wins to reach the semi-finals – for the first time since 1985/86. Their effort was all the more impressive because they were stripped of their points from one match early in the season for a seemingly minor breach of the rules concerning pitch covers. **Unfortunately, again like second grade, third grade's season ended on the first weekend of the semi-final series with a loss to second-placed Eastern Suburbs. The team's bowling provided its greatest strength** with Brett Penprase and Matthew Bruce leading the way with 32 wickets each both at sub-20 averages. Best of the batsmen were Trevor Power (420 runs at 32.2), Dominic Hodson (384 at 22.6), Ed Quoyle (344 at 24.6) and Clinton Witt (325 at 36.1).

Jack Moran took over the captaincy of the fourth grade team for the 1996/97 season and provided the individual highlight of the year when he passed Neil Marks' previous record career batting aggregate of 11,670 runs. The team continued the improvement from the previous season, moving up from ninth place in 1995/96 to fourth in 1996/97, but like the two higher grade teams were beaten in their semi-final. Best performed players were Craig Beck (416 runs at 34.7), Christian Webb (23 wickets at 18.8), Peter Whelan (19 wickets at 10.5) and Darren Schreiber (19 wickets at 14.5). All-rounders, Brad Erickson (333 runs and 12 wickets) and Greg Westwood (287 and 17), scored the only centuries of the season, Erickson hitting 104 against Eastern Suburbs and Westwood an even 100 against Campbelltown, while new wicket-keeper, Paul Ferris, impressed in taking 36 catches.



Jack Moran acknowledges the applause after passing Neil Marks' NDCC record for the most career runs.

Although narrowly failing to qualify for the semi-finals, the ND fifth grade team continued the lower grade resurgence, winning eight matches on their way to a strong finishing sixth place - up from 12th in 1995/96. The fact that a total of 35 different players took the field at various times made their effort all the more meritorious. A very young team, they were led by wicket-keeper Mark Langworth. The **team's leading batsman was Quentin Donald** who scored 341 runs at 48.7 to take out both the club and grade batting averages; while pacemen Peter Whelan (33 wickets at

13.8) and Ben Hogarth (28 at 16.4) took almost half of the team's total wickets between them.

Although neither of the club's age teams were able to reach the semi-finals of their respective competitions, both performed reasonably well with the Poidevin-Gray team finishing equal fifth in their division and the Green Shield third in theirs. Although the batting of both teams was disappointing overall with just four individual scores of more than fifty from a total of 13 matches, three of these innings were converted into hundreds with Clinton Witt scoring 100 for the P-G team against Parramatta; and Green Shield batsmen Chris Brown and Chris Peebles scoring 146 and 100 respectively against Hawkesbury and Balmain. Best of the U/21 bowlers were Don Nash (8 wickets at 13.5) and Steven Coombes (9 at 17.1) whilst John McRae was the leading Green Shield wicket-taker with 15 at 13.9. Both Brown and McRae won places in the Northern Division representative team.

For the first time since 1976/77 the Northern District Cup competition was not held.

The major awards for the 1996/97 season went to Matthew Daykin, who won the Player of the Season, First Grade Player of the Year and the Mark Taylor Encouragement Award, and Ben Munro who took out the Bill North Memorial Award. In addition, a \$3000 scholarship was donated by leading businessman and cricket enthusiast, Sir Ron Brierley, **to be presented "to one, or more, players engaged in tertiary education, or intending to commence at the next academic year, to assist with associated education costs."** The inaugural recipients of the scholarship were Matthew Daykin, Clinton Witt and Ross Longley.

The major honour of the season however went to Jack Moran whose 28 consecutive seasons of service to the club were recognised with his election to life membership at the 1997 Annual General Meeting.

1997/98

The big improvement shown during the 1996/97 season saw Northern District **approach 1997/98 with considerable optimism. Unfortunately the momentum wasn't** able to be maintained and although the lower grade teams again performed creditably, all five grade teams finished lower than they had done previous year and the club as a whole dropped from fifth the tenth in the club championship.

Frustratingly, the club once again lost a promising young player to a rival club willing to offer financial incentives with Don Nash transferring to Fairfield-Liverpool.

Mark Lowe was again appointed captain, however a form slump saw him dropped to second grade, with Andrew Sainsbury taking over the leadership of the team for the last five matches of the season. The only major changes to the composition of the team were the promotion of promising pace bowler Ross Longley for Nash, and Kris Griffith-Jones who took over the wicket-keeping duties from Joe Audet.

Although the first grade team clearly had the potential to reach the semi-finals and were competitive in virtually every match, their inability to win tight matches cost them wins in numerous matches and they eventually finished in 17th place with one **outright and three first innings wins from their 15 matches. It was the club's lowest** finish in first grade since the start of the 20-team competition in 1985/86 and the lowest overall since the mid-1960s.

In such a disappointing season, the performance of Andrew Sainsbury stood out like a beacon. Despite having the added responsibility of the captaincy placed on

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his shoulders, the 23-year-old accumulated runs steadily throughout the season, his **final grade aggregate of 882 runs (at 51.9) being the third highest in the club's history**, and the best ever outside of the war years. A testament to his powers of concentration **could be found in the comprehensive statistics now provided by the team's scorer**, Robyn Sanday, which show that he batted for a total of just under 37 hours in his 19 innings during the season – an average of almost two hours per innings. Although he only passed 50 seven times, on four of those occasions he went on to score centuries. Only Les Fallowfield, with five in 1941/42, had scored more hundreds in a season for Northern District. **Sainsbury's top score of 180 not out, against Petersham-Marrickville at Petersham Oval, was the third highest innings in first grade, behind Fallowfield (204 not out), Mark Atkinson (200 not out) and Mark Taylor (185 not out). Sainsbury's efforts saw him win both the club Player of the Season and the First Grade Player of the Year awards.**

Best of the other batsmen was Simon Blake who scored 437 runs at 25.7, while Matthew Daykin again showed his all-round ability with a double of 374 runs and 22 wickets. Another promising young batsman, Anthony Hook, capped a rapid rise through the grades with his maiden first grade century, 101 against Sutherland – the only other hundred of the season.

The first grade bowling honours were shared evenly, with Ross Longley, the son of NDCC stalwart Ken Longley, in his first full season in the top grade, the leading wicket-taker with 30 at 28.2, ahead of Simon Waddington (27 at 31.0) and John Whelan (26 at 21.2).

The only grade team to maintain the momentum from the previous season was second grade, led for the first time by Jeremy Hook. After a scratchy start they strung together five straight wins to narrowly miss the semi-finals, eventually finishing with ten wins and five losses from their 15 **matches. The team's** strength lay in its bowling with teenaged leg-spinner Steven Coombes taking 36 wickets at 18.8 before being promoted to first grade where he picked up a further 11 wickets. Brett Penprase (32 wickets at 15.3) also impressed as did Cameron Eve (24 at 19.1). Three batsmen had 300-plus aggregates: Marc Seymour (504 at 45.8), Graham Hanlon (380 at 34.6) and Neil **D'Costa** (377 at 41.9).



First grade scorer, Robyn Sanday, brought a new professionalism to the position when she took over in 1996. Using a laptop computer she was able to provide not only match and player statistics but also supply captains with fast and reliable information on such things as required run-rates.

The third grade team was again captained by Dominic Hodson and although they totalled 48 points as against 55 the previous season, the seven point difference was sufficient to push them back sixth places in the final competition – from third in 1996/97 to ninth in 1996/97. **The most frustrating aspect of the team's performances** was their ability to beat the teams which finished ahead of them but their inability to

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beat the weaker teams – the only match which wooden-spooners St George won all season was an outright win over Northern District.

Hodson (457 runs at 30.5), Ben Munro (423 at 24.9) and Trevor Power (301 at **25.1**) were the best of the team's regular batsmen although Tim Lowe scored 225 in just three innings on his way to second grade, scoring early-season centuries in each grade. Hodson, whose 117 against Bankstown was the only other third grade hundred for the year also took 17 wickets at 24.5. Peter Whelan topped both bowling aggregate and averages with 22 wickets at just 11.0 apiece, including innings returns of 7-38 against Eastern Suburbs and 7-50 against Petersham-Marrickville. Earlier in the season Whelan had taken 6-69 in fourth grade and then followed up with 5-58 against Hawkesbury in second grade, giving him the rare, perhaps unique, achievement of four 5WIs in one season in three different grades.

After a promising start in which they won three of their first four matches, the ND fourth grade paid the price for a mid-season slump and despite being unbeaten in their last six matches, could only finish in eighth place (down from fourth in 1996/97). Although disappointed at missing the semi-finals it was a good effort from an extremely young team, one which contained four current Green Shield players and **two graduates from the previous year's team. One of the latter, Chris Brown**, impressed with the bat, scoring 345 at 28.8, while Craig Beck **scored the team's only** century, 101 against Manly on his way to a total of 302 runs at 43.1. Skipper Jack Moran, with 266 runs at 29.6, continued to raise the batting aggregate bar, becoming the first Northern District batsman to pass 12,000 career runs.

No bowler stood out with the best aggregate being 15 (by John Moloney), the best of seven bowlers who took between 10 and 15 wickets.

The fifth grade team was led by a new player to the club in 23-year-old Matthew Bulkeley who joined ND after previously playing Shires cricket with Epping and grade with Hawkesbury. A Sports Science graduate from the University of Western Sydney, Bulkeley was employed by the NSW Cricket Association as the Metropolitan West Development Officer. The fifth grade team performed creditably to finish in 11th place with six wins (including two over eventual semi-finalists), eight losses and one draw from their 15 matches. Importantly for the development of the young players who dominated the team, eight of the 11 who played in the first match of the season went on to play fourth grade or higher later in the season. With a total of 36 players on the field at various times there was a lack of continuity and only four were able to play more than 10 matches. The most impressive of the emerging players was 15-year-old Ben Davis who scored 267 runs in just three, including 97 not out against the University of NSW and 113 against Bankstown. In the former match Davis combined with 16-year-old Chris Brown to put on a record club fifth grade opening stand of 202. The other outstanding individual innings was that of another teenager, in 19-year-old Spencer Goddard who, in his only fifth grade innings, scored a brilliant 179 against Gordon at Storey Park. It was the second highest score for the club in that grade, behind Michael Goeke's **1984/85 innings of 202 not out against Balmain**. Goddard went on to score consistently in fourth grade and eventually earn promotion to thirds.

After four mediocre years the ND Poidevin-Gray Shield team improved significantly, finishing on top of the northern division with five wins and one loss from their six preliminary matches, only to lose to St George in their semi-final clash. Matt Daykin, who captained the side for the second time, also led the way in performances, scoring 191 runs at 31.8 and taking 11 wickets at 11.2. Marc Seymour (162 runs at 23.1), Cameron Eve (12 wickets at 12.0) and Steven Coombes (12 wickets at 15.9) also **made valuable contributions. Coombes' performance in both grade and P-G** for the club saw him become the fourth recipient of the Mark Taylor Encouragement Award.

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The 1997/98 AW Green Shield season saw the return of Tom Richmond as team manager. It was the 16th time that Richmond had undertaken this important role and the first time for over ten years, although he had remained closely involved with both the Green Shield and local junior cricket in general for 30 years. The team, captained by Daniel Friedrich, was one of the youngest in many years, but such was **ND's emphasis on the** development of its young players that six of them played in grade matches during the season. In 12-year-old Michael Friedrich the club fielded one of its youngest players ever, yet the tyro left-arm wrist spinner justified his selection by taking **4-28 in the team's match against Hawkesbury. After a slow start** the team finished strongly to finish fifth in their division. Two of the players with grade experience, Ben Davis and Chris Peebles, did best with 214 runs and 16 wickets respectively.

In a disappointing response, only eleven schools contested the Northern District Cup in 1997/98 no doubt a consequence of the cup not having been held during the previous season. The final, played at Waitara Oval for the first time in a number of years, saw Asquith Boys High meet Eastwood Marist Brothers. Much to the delight of former Asquith principal, Austen Hughes, that team ran out convincing winners.

At the 1998 Annual General Meeting, Mark Taylor and Rocky Harris were elected as life members of the **club. While Taylor's contributions to the club were well** documented, those of Harris were less visible although no less valuable. Between 1973 and 1988 he had umpired 201 Sydney first grade matches⁵⁴, from 1978 and 1987 he had stood in 15 Sheffield Shield matches with the high point of his umpiring career coming during 1979/80 when he umpired the first World Series Cup match (between Australia and the West Indies) at the Sydney Cricket Ground – the first match following the two-year WSC split. He later umpired a second match, between England and the West Indies.



*Former international
umpire, Rocky Harris, was
elected as an NDCC life*

Since his first informal association with the club in the mid-1970s when he had umpired at pre-season practice matches, Harris had steadily become more and **more involved in the club's administration. In 1979 he had** been appointed as a vice president and, from 1980 to the present time he has been a member of the general committee. Soon after his retirement as a grade umpire he took over the position of Senior Vice President which he has held since 1990, and the following year he also became a delegate to the NSW Cricket Association. From 1982 to 1996 he was involved in the management of the Metropolitan Youth Squad and from 1988 to 1997 was manager of the NSW Under 17 teams. In the late 1990s he was also the NSWCA Liaison Officer for international touring teams as well as the dressing room attendant at the SCG.

1998/99

Northern District's **steady improvement during the second half of the 1990s** continued, with all grades performing strongly during the first half of the season. By the end of the ninth round the club had built up a 184-point lead in the club championship only to see it gradually whittled away as the competition reached its

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Former ACT representatives Brad Haddin (left) and Mark Higgs (right) joined Northern District at the start of the 1998/99 season.

climax. Going into the final round ND had surrendered the lead and were 32 points behind St George. Then, in a thrilling finish, the club won three of their five matches while St George could only win one, giving ND its first club championship success since 1980/81 and its fourth since the club's formation in 1925.

ND's success was timely as debate on the structure and format of Sydney grade cricket continued with mergers and promotion/relegation once more among the options being examined. Grade cricket's role in the continuing poor performances by NSW in the Sheffield Shield competition was also under scrutiny. Of especial concern was the increasing tendency for captains to chase outright wins through premature declarations. As Mark Taylor pointed out: *"Grade cricket was never designed for outright results. It was designed ... for people who can bat for a day – 100 overs – and for sides to bowl for a day and keep the pressure on. That doesn't happen (now). Sides declare at 240 these days because they think that's enough runs. Ten years ago if you were 6-240 you were thinking of making 300, not declaring and putting them in for the last hour."*⁵⁵

A good example of the effect of this was the fact that the Fairfield club had more first innings wins than other team in the first grade competition but were still unable to make the semi-finals, even though a new six-team finals series had been introduced for the first time in 1998/99.

The ND first grade team, again captained by Andrew Sainsbury, was boosted by the arrival of two exciting young players from Queanbeyan in Brad Haddin and Mark Higgs, both of whom had been regular ACT representatives in the domestic Limited-Overs competition.

Haddin, a 20-year-old right hand batsman and wicket-keeper, had been an ACT senior representative since the age of 16, and in 1997/98 he had been named the ACT Player of the Year. In 1996 he attended the Australian Institute of Sport Cricket Academy in Adelaide and in 1996/97 captained the Australian U/19 team. Returning to Queanbeyan in 1997/98, Haddin was selected in the inaugural ACT team when it was admitted to the Mercantile Mutual Cup one-day competition.

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The 22-year-old Higgs was an aggressive left-hand batsman and a versatile left-arm spinner, capable of bowling both finger and wrist spin. Compared early in his career to local ACT hero, Michael Bevan, he first attracted attention when he scored a brilliant 128 not out for the ACT against Victoria at the 1992/93 Australian Under 17 Championships. The following season he made his debut for the senior ACT team and played in both the 1993/94 and 1994/95 Australian U/19 Championships. In 1995/96 he came to Sydney where he joined the Hawkesbury Cricket Club and impressed by scoring 492 runs at 28.9. That same season he captained the NSW Colts team, scoring a sensational 210 against Victorian Colts at North Sydney Oval, the innings taking just 215 deliveries and including 21 fours and 8 sixes. After two years with Hawkesbury he returned to Queanbeyan in 1997/98 before joining Northern District in 1998/99.

In Sainsbury, Higgs, Haddin, Daykin and Thornely, Northern District had its strongest batting line-up since the early 1990s and one of the best in Sydney. Although they eventually finished in tenth place, their total of 52 points was just eight short of the last semi-final spot and a big contributor to the club championship **success. Equally important in this latter regard was the team's great performance to finish equal first in the Limited-Overs competition, although they were subsequently beaten by Fairfield in the semi-final.**

Higgs could hardly have had a more impressive debut season, scoring 717 runs and taking 25 wickets – only Roy Loder (754 runs in 1925/26) had scored more runs **in their first season. Over 50 per cent of Higgs' runs came in two spectacular innings:** 195 against Gordon and 177 against Randwick, both at Waitara Oval. His 195 gave him the third highest score ever by an ND first grade batsman behind Les Fallowfield (204 in 1946/47) and Mark Atkinson (200 not out in 1991/92), while he became the first player to post two 150-plus scores in the same season. Neil Marks, who watched **Higgs' 195 against Gordon, rated it alongside Norman O'Neill's brilliant 201 not out** for St George in 1957/58 and Neil Harvey 131 in 1965/66 as one of the three best innings he had seen at the ground.

Sainsbury (672 runs at 48.0), Thornely (575 at 30.3) and Haddin (511 at 31.9) also posted aggregates in excess of 500 runs for the season, only the second occasion **in the club's history that this had been done**⁵⁶.

The bowling was equally consistent with five bowlers taking more than 25 wickets each for the season. Leading the way was paceman John Whelan with 45 wickets at 14.7 with a best of 7-66 against Mosman at Waitara Oval, ahead of Steven Coombes (30 at 26.0), Cameron Eve (29 at 27.2), Ross Longley (28 at 24.5) and Higgs (25 at 24.7).

The 1998/99 season also saw Northern District players figure prominently in representative matches. Andrew Sainsbury had been called into the NSW state squad during the previous season and made his first class debut in a Sheffield Shield match against Queensland at the unlikely venue of Manuka Oval in Canberra, to which the match had been switched at the last moment when the **SCG pitch proved unuseable. Chasing Queensland's first** innings score of 5-498 declared, Sainsbury, batting at number four, helped salvage the NSW innings from a disastrous 4-16, batting for over five hours and top-scoring with 72 runs. Unfortunately he was unable to recapture this form in three subsequent matches and was dropped from the team later in the season.

Mark Higgs was called into the Shield team during the second half of the season, although with only moderate results (43 runs and 3 wickets). Sainsbury, Higgs and Thornely all played for the NSW Second XI; while Thornely, Haddin and Steven Coombes all played



Dominic Thornely.

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for NSW Colts, Thornely captaining the team in all their matches. Both Thornely and Haddin scored double centuries, Thornely an even 200 against NSW Country Colts at Bankstown Oval and Haddin a remarkable 216 against the AIS Cricket Academy at **Bradman Oval, Bowral. Haddin's innings occupied just four and a half hours and included 24 fours and 10 sixes, one of which looked set to land in the front yard of the Don's old home but for it hitting the topmost branch of a gum tree.**⁵⁷

These two innings meant that, since the beginning of Colts matches around the turn of the century, four of the eight batsmen who had scored double centuries had played for Northern District: Johnnie Taylor (226 vs Victorian Colts in 1913/14), Higgs (210 vs Victorian Colts in 1995/96), Haddin (216 vs AIS Cricket Academy in 1998/99) and Thornely (200 vs NSW Country Colts in 1998/99).

With two seasons of consistently good form behind them, and a largely settled team, the Northern District second grade entered the 1998/99 competition as one of the favourites. They played confidently throughout the competition proper, winning nine of their first ten matches, but narrowly missing out on the minor premiership when their last two matches were washed-out. Finishing equal first on 66 points with St George they were pushed back to second place on quotient. In their qualifying final against North Sydney at Waitara Oval they were able to dismiss Norths for just 123 with John Tait taking 5-50 but then collapsed to be all out for just 54. In the second innings North Sydney were all out for 160 with Northern District improving in their second innings to score 122 but still well short of their target. Under the six-team finals rules, the three winning teams in the qualifying finals progressed to the semi-finals along with the highest placed loser. Unfortunately for ND, the minor premiers, St George, also were beaten, by sixth-placed Eastern Suburbs and so became the highest-placed loser.

There were a number of outstanding batting performances, both team and individual. Clinton Witt, after a poor 1997/98 season began in a similar vein and early in the season was dropped to third grade. From there he quickly regained form with scores of 69 and 141 not out and returned to second grade where scores of 94 against Parramatta and 122 against Gordon saw him make his first grade debut mid-season. In his only other second grade match he scored 108 not out against Petersham, taking his season tally in seconds to 358 runs from just six innings. Simon Blake, after struggling in first grade, came into seconds late in the season where he also found form with back-to-back hundreds against Mosman (107) and Manly (142), while Mark Lowe batted solidly throughout the year to top both batting aggregate and averages with 453 runs at 37.8. Both Lowe (105 vs Manly) and captain Jeremy Hook (107 vs Sydney University) also scored centuries.

The second grade bowling honours were shared with Jonathon Tait (30 wickets at 13.8) the leading wicket-taker ahead of Brett Penprase (26 at 22.6) and Peter Whelan (25 at 28.4). The outstanding individual performance was Dominic Hodson's 6-27 against Manly at Manly Oval. Behind the stumps Kris Griffith-Jones again impressed with 36 catches and three stumpings.

The 1998/99 third grade team was captained by former Victorian U/19 representative, Richard Errington, who had joined the club the previous season. Errington had moved to Sydney in his capacity as general manager of Sodexo Australia. Born in Melbourne in 1961 he was a third generation member of the Collingwood Cricket Club, his grandfather, Arnold, having captained the club's **first** grade team to its first premiership back in 1912/13. Errington first played in **Collingwood's lower grades at the age of 16 in the 1977/78 season, quickly working his** way up to first grade, and eventually to the captaincy of the 1980/81 Victorian U/19 **team, the team including three future Test players in Dean Jones, Simon O'Donnell** and Wayne Phillips. Errington later transferred to the Melbourne Cricket Club and it

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was on the recommendation of a former teammate with that club in Neil Maxwell, that he decided to sign on with Northern District when he arrived in Sydney.

Now in his late-30s, **Errington's experience, stability and batting ability was to** prove a vital ingredient in the improved performance from what was overall a very young third grade team. After finishing in ninth place in 1997/98 the team improved markedly to finish the 1998/99 preliminary rounds in third place. In their semi-final they had a comfortable win (268 vs 144 and 4-76) over fourth-placed Penrith at Asquith Oval but then lost on the first innings by 58 runs to St George at Waitara Oval.

Errington himself led the way with the bat, topping both aggregate and averages with 450 runs at 34.6 with Darren Schrieber (28 wickets at 18.8) the leading bowler. A number of promising youngsters also impressed including Chris Brown (248 runs at 41.3), Chris Peebles (18 wickets at 14.8), Adam Gerard (23 wickets at 17.4) and Ryan Bolger (23 catches and four stumpings).

Jack Moran's **fourth grade team suffered the consequences of a poor start to** the season and although they played well after Christmas could only manage 12th **place. The team's batting was generally poor** with lack of application a common problem. Only Chris Brown (253 runs at 28.1) and Spencer Goddard (203 at 25.4) had aggregates in excess of 200 runs, with Trevor Power's **116 against Parramatta** at Merrylands Oval the only century for the season.

David Cleland **became the club's eighth different fifth grade captain in the** same number of years, and although they began the season well with an outright win over Randwick, they struggled thereafter and eventually finished in tenth place. Highlights of the year included two centuries by the promising Ben Davis and **Cleland's 7-19** as his team dismissed Manly for just 43 at Somerville Oval in the final round, earning vital club championship points.

The expansion of the club championship to include the Poidevin-Gray and **Green Shield competitions proved to be a vital factor in ND's win. With a team which** boasted five regular first graders, the 1998/99 ND Poidevin-Gray Shield team was again one of the favourites for the U/21 competition. Captained by Dominic Thornely, the team performed up to expectations in winning six of their seven matches to finish on top of the northern division table – their 144 club championship points proving critical in the final count. Unfortunately, as had happened in the previous season, they were unable to get past the semi-final stage, beaten narrowly by Sutherland at Waitara Oval. Thornely himself did well with both bat and ball, scoring 291 runs at 48.5 (including 128 against Manly at Manly Oval) and 11 wickets at 13.8, as did Clinton Witt (263 runs at 32.9), Kris Griffith-Jones (144 runs at 28.8 and 16 dismissals) and Rod Hokin (18 wickets at 11.5).

The younger of the two age teams also performed well, winning five of their seven matches and finishing equal second the northern division of the AW Green Shield competition. Unfortunately they missed a semi-final spot by the barest of margins with their quotient being 0.03 inferior to that of the Manly team. The outstanding player was captain, Andrew Smith, whose total of 424 runs was the third highest aggregate ever by an ND Green Shield batsman behind Craig Waddell (455 in 1988/89) and Greg Briggs (442 in 1978/79) and also the best in the competition for **that season. Smith's two centuries (129 not out against Parramatta and 130 against Gordon) made him only the club's second player to have scored two centuries in a** Green Shield series, Waddell also having done so in 1988/89. Andrew McLean (258 runs at 36.9), Matthew Delahunty (184 runs at 30.7), Matt Barrie (14 wickets at 13.2) and Marcus Felsman (18 dismissals) also did well, with McLean and Barrie joining Smith in the Combined Northern Green Shield team.

After a disappointing response from local schools in the previous season, the number of schools contesting the Northern District Cup almost doubled to 22. The

cup had its fifth different winner in as many years with the Kings School defeating St Leo's College comfortably to take the cup for the first time.

Major award winners for 1998/99 were Mark Higgs (Player of the Season), John Whelan (First Grade Player of the Year), Dominic Thornely (Mark Taylor Encouragement Award) and Ryan Bolger (Bill North Memorial Award).

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Northern District's 75th season was its most successful for many years with the club taking out multiple premierships for the first time in almost two decades and narrowly missing back-to-back club championships. The two premierships came in second grade, where Simon Blake led his team to a win which had been coming for the past three years, and in the Poidevin-Gray competition where the ND team, under Dominic Thornely, took possession of the Shield in unusual circumstances at their **second attempt. With a little more luck the season could have been the club's best ever** with the first, third and fifth grade teams all reaching the semi-finals.

The Sydney Cricket Association introduced a significant alteration to the first grade competition format with both grade and one-day limited-over matches contributing towards the grade competition. The major effect of the change was that, for the first time since the expansion of the competition to 20 teams in 1985/86, each team would play each other – either in the normal Saturday matches or in the Sunday limited-over matches. At the same time the points earned in the limited-over matches were accumulated as before with the top four teams contesting semi-finals and a final. The change also meant that if a team reached the finals of both the grade and one-day competitions they could play a total of 24 matches

The first grade team began the season largely unchanged from the previous season with Andrew Sainsbury again captain. As had been widely anticipated Brad Haddin won the NSW wicket-keeping spot, vacated by the retirement of Phil Emery at **the end of the previous season. Haddin's selection gave Northern District the unique distinction of having had three of the six current state wicket-keepers play with the club at various times, with Mark Atkinson still behind the stumps for Tasmania and Adam Gilchrist for Western Australia.**

The first grade team began the season confidently and by the time the competition settled down they had a top six position which they held for the remainder of the season. Indeed the composition of the top six was unchanged through most of the season with Manly runaway minor premiers on 102 points, ahead of St George (80), Bankstown-Canterbury and Northern District equal third on 72 **points each. Unfortunately for ND Bankstown's superior quotient gave them third place, relegating ND to fourth and meaning, not only that Bankstown would get to host the qualifying final between the two teams, but also that ND would need to win the match to proceed to the semi-finals.**

On a typically perfect Bankstown Oval pitch the home team batted throughout the Saturday and into Sunday morning, eventually dismissed for 331 from 107 overs, with John Whelan putting in a lion-hearted performance to pick up 5-44. At 6-100 **ND's cause looked hopeless with all six specialist batsmen dismissed and all-rounders Aaron O'Brien and Cameron Eve at the wicket.** Together these two gradually pulled the innings together, taking the score to 6-240 when Eve was dismissed. The next two wickets fell cheaply before O'Brien, this time with number 11 Whelan, once again

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rallied. Then with the score at 9-287, and still 12 overs to be bowled, a severe storm struck **preventing any further play and leaving the match drawn with O'Brien**, in what his captain described as the best innings of the season⁵⁸, unbeaten on 97 against an attack which included state bowlers like Wayne Holdsworth, Nathan Bracken and David Freedman.

The 18-year-old **O'Brien had only been with** Northern District for about two months, the qualifying final being just his fifth match in Sydney grade cricket. He virtually stepped off the plane from Sri Lanka and into his first match, having been a member of the Australian Under 19 team which had contested the 2000 Youth World Cup. A left-handed batsman and left-arm orthodox spinner, he had played all his previous cricket with the Narara-Wyoming club on the Central Coast – the club at which both Andrew Sainsbury and Steven Coombes had played their early cricket. At the end of the season he again packed his bags and headed off to Adelaide as a full-time student at the AIS Cricket Academy.



*Australian U19 all-rounder
Aaron O'Brien joined
Northern District midway
through the 1999/2000*

Despite the loss/draw against Bankstown, Northern District still had a chance of reaching the semi-finals as the highest-placed loser provided that both **minor premier's, Manly, and second-placed St George** won their matches. St George had already completed a comfortable win over fifth-placed Mosman, but Manly and Balmain were locked in a fierce tussle in their match at Manly Oval. With one ball in the match remaining, **Balmain, with eight wickets down, had tied Manly's score of 270 but, being the lower-placed team, needed to win the match.** Scrambling through to try and get the winning run one of the Balmain batsmen appeared to most at the ground to have been run out. The umpire began to raise his finger but then appeared to change his mind and declared the batsman safe, giving the match **to Balmain and bringing ND's season to a most disappointing conclusion.**

Once again Northern District leading batsman was Andrew Sainsbury, scoring 871 runs at an average of 58.1, with one century and eight half-centuries. In just five seasons with ND he had now scored 3375 in grade matches at an average of 41.7, passing 500 runs in each of his last four seasons, one behind the record set by Kerry Mackay between 1973/74 and 1977/78. He also joined Randal Green as the only ND batsman to have twice scored in excess of 800 runs in a season, although the 1999/2000 grade season, including as it did the one-day competition, was the longest since the full one-day seasons during the Second World War.

Despite his remarkable consistency (in nine of his 19 innings he scored 50 or more) he was ignored by the NSW selectors although he remained a member of the state squad. top the aggregate for the third time in four seasons all matches equal second in **the SMH O'Reilly Medal on 16 points equal with Rodney Davison and two** behind English Test player Ian Salisbury

There was to be no such disappointment however for the Northern District second grade team led for the first time by Simon Blake. Over the previous seasons, under captains Ben Munro and Jeremy Hook, the team had been moulded into one of the strongest and most consistent in the second grade competition, finishing fourth in 1996/97, fifth in 1997/98 and second in 1998/99. The standard of competition in the grade proved to be relatively even with 38 points separating first and 16th place, although from round ten onwards the top six remained unchanged. ND eventually finished the 15 competition rounds in fourth place, and so were faced with the same

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The 1999/2000 NDCC second grade premierships-winning team.

Rear (l to r): Arthur Souter (scorer), Mark Lowe, Ryan Nelson, Ryan Bolger, Joe Audet, Jarred Hodges, Ross Longley, Graham Hanlon, Marc Seymour, Chris Brown, Karl Danenbergsons and Daniel Friedrich.

Front (l to r): Rocky Harris (NDCC Vice President), Neil D'Costa, Jeremy Hook, Austen Hughes (NDCC President), Simon Blake (Captain), Peter Whelan, Anthony Hook, Jonathon Tait, Jim

prospect as first grade of having to win their qualifying final to reach the semis. This they did in confident style at Allan Border Oval, dismissing third-placed Manly for 151 and replying with 231 of which Neil D'Costa scored 65. With the first and second-placed teams both drawing (and so effectively winning) their respective matches, ND entered the semi-finals in third place, once more needing to win their match, against Eastern Suburbs at Waverley Oval, to reach the final. In a low-scoring, but hard-fought match they dismissed Easts for 136 with Ross Longley taking 3-17 and Karl Danenbergsons 4-61. In reply ND struggled hard to eventually reach 8-155, Anthony Hook top-scoring with 36.

And so it was back to Allan Border Oval for the competition final, held over three days (Friday to Sunday) – **and the club's first appearance in a second grade final** since the win by Stephen Day's team in 1983/84. Their opponents were minor premiers, University of NSW, who had beaten Manly in their semi-final. Needing to win the match, ND made a great start by dismissing the students for a moderate score of **217. ND's innings was dominated by two partnerships which added 202 runs;** Simon Blake and Anthony Hook putting on 87 for the third wicket and Blake and Joe Audet 115 for the fourth. Blake had the bittersweet experience of guiding his team to the premiership but being dismissed for 99, while Hook capped a remarkable season in which he scored a total of 890 runs in four grades. Although there was a lower order ND eventually took a first innings lead of 67. Uni then attacked in a desperate attempt to gain a sufficient lead to try and force an outright win but it was to no avail as ND cruised to an eight-wicket outright win.

It was the club's fifth premiership in second grade and its first in any grade since 1992/93. Although the success was very much a team effort several individual performances stood out, none better than that of off-spinner Karl Danenbergsons whose tally of 51 wickets (at 16.7) was the best in second grade for the season and also the most by an ND second grader since Phil Blazey's **60 wickets helped the 1983/84** team to its premiership. Simon Blake also had a tremendous season, scoring 612 runs at 36.0, his innings of 103 being the highest individual score of the year and one of

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In his first season as captain, Simon Blake led the ND second grade team to its first

only three centuries scored. Neil D'Costa (100 not out against Wests) and Anthony Hook (101 against Parramatta) scored the others, Hook's century giving him the unique distinction, certainly for Northern District and perhaps even for the entire Sydney grade competition, of having scored centuries in each of the five grades.

Others to perform well were Chris Brown (405 runs at 21.3), Graham Hanlon (389 at 43.3), Neil D'Costa (377 at 25.1), Ross Longley (28 wickets at 16.3), Peter Whelan (27 at 26.7) and Jonathon Tait (26 at 31.2). With first grade keeper Brad Haddin unavailable for many first grade matches, Ryan Bolger and Ryan Nelson shared the wicket-keeping duties for second grade, taking 16 and 13 dismissals respectively.

The third grade team was again captained by Richard Errington. By the end of the sixth round they had reached the top of the competition table and they were able to remain there for the remainder of the season, taking out the minor premiership for the first time since John Blazey's team in 1980/81. They entered the qualifying rounds with the luxury of knowing that, as minor premiers, they could not be eliminated regardless of the result of their match against sixth-placed Campbelltown at Waitara Oval. The result of the match was never in doubt with ND scoring 269 and dismissing Campbelltown for 125. Mark Lowe, one of a number of ex-first graders who played in the team at various times, top-scored with 64, just ahead of promising 18-year-old Ben Davis while Christian Webb (5-45) and Chris Peebles (3-36) were the dominant bowlers.

As the top qualifier in the semi-finals, ND met fourth-ranked Western Suburbs, again at Waitara Oval. Batting first, Wests were in trouble at 9-170 before a last wicket stand took their score to 221. Although they lost a wicket late on the first day, a fine innings of 108 from Jeremy Hook appeared to have his team set for an easy win. However Hook's dismissal, with the score at 200 led to a disastrous collapse which saw the team lose their six wickets for just 19 runs to fall two runs short of their target. Unfortunately, the loss cost the team the premiership with the following weekend's final being washed out.

Best performers with the bat for the year were Ben Davis (387 runs at 35.2) and Joe Audet (330 at 41.3). With the ball 22-year-old Jarred Hodges, in his first season with the club, was the leading wicket-taker with 37 wickets at just 12.1, including 6-17 against his former club Hawkesbury, 6-34 against Mosman and 6-57 against Sutherland. Equally impressive was Christian Webb who took 36 wickets at 16.8, while 18-year-old Chris Peebles double of 205 runs and 26 wickets marked him as a future high grade player.

Fourth grade was the only disappointment of the club's five grade teams during 1999/2000, finishing third last of the 20 teams with just three wins from their 15 matches. The team's batting was generally inconsistent and lacking application with just one batsman, Spencer Goddard (323 at 29.4) scoring in excess of 300 runs while Anthony Hook's 124 against Bankstown early in the season was the only individual score over 80. By contrast the team's bowlers performed well, their average



Off-spinner Karl Danenbergson was the leading second grade wicket-taker with 51 at 16.7.

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of 20.7 runs per wicket placing them in the top half of the competition and indeed better than that of two of the teams which reached the qualifying finals. Vaughan Marshall, an 18-year-old bowler who had returned to ND towards the end of the 1998/99 season after having played Green Shield with the club in 1996/97, was the leading wicket-taker with 34 wickets at 17.1. Marshall also showed ability with the bat in scoring 267 runs at 33.4, including two half-centuries. Matt Barrie (31 wickets at 14.2) was the other standout bowler, his best efforts being 5-19 against Balmain and 5-32 against Western Suburbs.

After a break of one season, Matt Bulkeley returned to captain the fifth grade team, taking them to third place with one outright and eight first innings wins. They looked to be in serious trouble when dismissed for just 104 in their qualifying final against fourth-placed Fairfield-Liverpool at Asquith Oval, but fought back magnificently to dismiss Fairfield for just 85 and then batted out the remainder of the match to finish 8-219 in their second innings.

Entering the semi-finals as the second-ranked team, they met the third-ranked team, Sutherland, again having the advantage of being the home team at Asquith Oval. On a difficult pitch they lost any chance when they were sent in and dismissed for just 36. Sutherland replied with 137, Matt Bruce taking 6-30, but any hopes of a miracle recovery were dashed as ND fell for 104 in their second innings.

A number of young players with potential played fifth grade in 1999/2000, none with more than 16-year-old Andrew Smith who topped both the club and grade batting aggregates with 480 runs at 30.0, and a highest score of 104 not out. The best of the bowlers was another teenager in Rob Eddy, who took 36 wickets at 14.3, ahead of the skipper Bulkeley (27 at 15.1).

Dominic Thornely was again captain of the Northern District Poidevin-Gray Shield team for 1999/2000. For the first time in many years the competition was played in one division (of 20 teams) instead of two, roughly geographical 10-team divisions as previously. With each team still only playing seven matches each match, together with the net run rate, was **vital. ND's hopes looked slim after losing two early matches** meaning that they needed to win all their remaining matches to have any chance of making the four-team semi-final series. They were able to win all of these matches and squeeze into equal fourth place fortunately with a vastly superior net run rate to the two other teams which shared that place.

Finishing fourth of course meant that they met the minor premiers in their semi-final, in the form of the undefeated Sutherland team at their home ground, Caringbah Oval. Batting first ND was dismissed for just 167, captain Thornely top-scoring with 41. Needing an early breakthrough, pace bowlers Jon Tait and Chris Peebles responded, exposing the middle and lower order to the left arm orthodox spin **of Aaron O'Brien** who, in just his second ever P-G match, captured 4-13 from his 12 overs, as Sutherland collapsed to be all out for just 106.

With third-placed Penrith defeating the more fancied Western Suburbs in the other semi-final at Pratten Park, the final was scheduled for Howell Oval, Penrith. Batting first in that match Penrith scored 211, a competitive score in any match but especially so under the pressure of a competition final. ND began their innings steadily but with storm clouds building it became clear that they needed to dramatically increase their run-rate in case the match became abbreviated. The more the batsmen attacked the more wickets fell and with nine wickets down for just 84 runs their cause looked hopeless. As it was the storm arrived in the nick of time, before Penrith had bowled the minimum 30 overs needed to constitute a match, meaning that the game was abandoned and re-scheduled.

The second final was again played at Howell Oval. Thornely won the toss and offered Penrith first use of a difficult wicket. In what proved to be a master stroke he **opened the bowling with O'Brien, the young spinner picking up two vital early wickets**

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The club's second success in 1999/2000 was in the U21 Poidevin-Gray Shield.
Rear (l to r): Arthur Souter (scorer), Andrew Smith, Matthew Johnson, Chris Brown, Rod Hokin, Ben Davis, Vaughn Marshall, Ryan Nelson, Chris Peebles and Jim Barrett (NDCC Secretary).
Front (l to r): Rocky Harris (NDCC Vice President), Chris Hickman, Jonathon Tait, Dominic Thornely (Captain), Austen Hughes (NDCC President), Clinton Witt and Aaron O'Brien.

and having just 19 runs scored off his 12 overs. **In O'Brien**, leg-spinner Steven Coombes and off-spinner Matthew Johnson ND had the best spin attack in the competition and Coombes (3-22) and Thornely (3-12) then tore through the remaining Penrith bats to have them all out for a meagre 83. Penrith immediately had Northern District in trouble at 3-**20 before Thornely (32 not out) and O'Brien (33 not out)** saw the team home to a seven-wicket win. It was just the fourth time that the club had won the Poidevin-Gray Shield outright, although on two other occasions they had been joint premiers.

The AW Green Shield competition was also re-structured into a single division with each team playing seven matches prior to a four-team finals series. The Northern District team was again at the younger end of the age cycle with over half the team eligible to play again in 2000/01. The team was captained by James Hosking, with Ryan Bolger again acting as manager. Their year began poorly, beaten comprehensively by Hawkesbury in the first round (73 all out versus 1-75). They bounced back well to defeat North Sydney and Mosman, before losing a tight match to Penrith, being washed out against Manly, then easily accounting for both Easts and Randwick. Although finishing seventh it was an impressive performance by the young team. While the batting was often disappointing two players stood out in David Ball (283 runs at 70.8) and Chris Burnett (278 at 55.6), with each scoring three half-centuries. Ball, one of the most promising young players to emerge in many years, also topped the bowling aggregate with 11 wickets at 13.5 (surprisingly, the first Green Shield player since Mark Hope in 1959/60 to lead both the batting and bowling aggregate) and won a place in the Combined AW Green Firsts team.

The Northern District Cup competition was expanded in 1999/2000 to include **high schools from the Central Coast, acknowledging that region's important contribution to the club.** After a couple of disappointing years the cup competition regained much of its prestige with a total of 30 schools competing in three zones. **Unfortunately, for the third time in the cup's history the final could not be played** because of adverse weather, and it was shared by Barker College and St Edwards College, East Gosford.

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The Mark Taylor Scoreboard at Waitara Oval was officially opened in October 1999 by Hornsby Mayor, Councillor Robert Browne (left). Among the guests were Mark Taylor and his son Jack, NDCC President Austen Hughes and Vince Holt (second from right), who, as a schoolboy in the 1930s, had operated the old wooden scoreboard.

During the off-season a proposal was put by the NDCC to Hornsby Council that Waitara Oval be re-named **Mark Taylor Oval**. **The council's policy however dictated that parks could not be named after any person who was still alive, so the proposal was shelved – hopefully for many, many more years.** Instead it was decided **that the newly erected scoreboard at the ground be named in Taylor's honour with the official opening ceremony being conducted by the Hornsby mayor, Councillor Robert Browne.**

The club had acquired the state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard in 1996 at the time of the Australia/New Zealand Youth Test at Waitara Oval. Until the erection of the new building it had been mounted on a frame on the verandah of the clubroom. It was operated electronically from a console located beside the scorer, thereby ensuring that the score shown on the board always matched that of the two scorers. A second example of the club keeping up-to-date with modern technology was the creation of the Northern District Cricket Club page on the Internet.

Taylor's distinguished cricket career was celebrated at the *Mark Taylor, Thank You Cricket* luncheon at the ANA Hotel in Sydney.

At the 2000 Annual General Meeting, Ken Longley and Reg Tulk were elected **as the club's 32nd and 33rd life members. Tulk and his father, Ken, joined Cyril and John Jagoe as the only fathers and sons to receive the honour.**

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Appendix One: Team Statistics

**Club Championship
(1925/26 to 1999/00)**

<u>Season</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1925/26	10/16	1944/4	10/16	1963/6	6/16	1982/8	3/18
		5		4		3	
1926/27	10/16	1945/4	10/16	1964/6	11/16	1983/8	6/18
		6		5		4	
1927/28	11/16	1946/4	11/16	1965/6	7/16	1984/8	10/18
		7		6		5	
1928/29	12/16	1947/4	4/16	1966/6	3/16	1985/8	5/20
		8		7		6	
1929/30	15/16	1948/4	9/16	1967/6	5/16	1986/8	3/20
		9		8		7	
1930/31	11/16	1949/5	2/16	1968/6	12/16	1987/8	3/20
		0		9		8	
1931/32	12/16	1950/5	11/16	1969/7	4/16	1988/8	9/20
		1		0		9	
1932/33	9/16	1951/5	12/16	1970/7	12/16	1989/9	6/20
		2		1		0	
1933/34	9/16	1952/5	16/16	1971/7	2/16	1990/9	16/20
		3		2		1	
1934/35	7/16	1953/5	12/16	1972/7	2/16	1991/9	15/20
		4		3		2	
1935/36	8/16	1954/5	9/16	1973/7	3/18	1992/9	6/20
		5		4		3	
1936/37	2/16	1955/5	?/16	1974/7	14/18	1993/9	16/20
		6		5		4	
1937/38	9/16	1956/5	?/16	1975/7	1/18	1994/9	17/20
		7		6		5	
1938/39	13/16	1957/5	?/16	1976/7	5/18	1995/9	18/20
		8		7		6	
1939/40	9/16	1958/5	?/16	1977/7	8/18	1996/9	5/20
		9		8		7	
1940/41	15/16	1959/6	1/16	1978/7	4/18	1997/9	10/20
		0		9		8	
1941/42	10/16	1960/6	5/16	1979/8	3/18	1998/9	1/20
		1		0		9	
1942/43	5/16	1961/6	6/16	1980/8	1/18	1999/0	2/20
		2		1		0	
1943/44	13/16	1962/6	7/16	1981/8	5/18	2000/	
		3		2		01	

**First Grade
(1925/26 to 1999/00)**

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1925/26	Frank Buckle	13/16	1963/64	Jim Burke Neil Marks	3/16
1926/27	Frank Buckle	Eq16/16	1964/65	Neil Marks	14/16
1927/28	Frank Buckle	14/16	1965/66	Neil Harvey	7/16
1928/29	Frank Buckle	13/16	1966/67	Neil Harvey	1/16
1929/30	Frank Buckle George Williams	14/16	1967/68	Neil Harvey Neil Marks	2/16
1930/31	Various	14/16	1968/69	Neil Marks	10/16
1931/32	George Williams	11/16	1969/70	Barry Rothwell	5/16
1932/33	George Williams	9/16	1970/71	Barry Rothwell	9/16
1933/34	George Williams	10/16	1971/72	Barry Rothwell	3/16
1934/35	George Williams Doug Chilvers	2/16	1972/73	Barry Rothwell	7/16

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1935/36	George Williams	8/16	1973/74	Barry Rothwell	2/18
1936/37	George Williams	2/16	1974/75	Kerry Mackay	13/18
1937/38	George Williams	6/16	1975/76	Kerry Mackay	12/18
1938/39	George Williams	6/16	1976/77	Kerry Mackay	6/18
1939/40	George Williams	9/16	1977/78	Kerry Mackay	Eq7/18
1940/41	Col Cameron Hugh Chilvers	15/16	1978/79	Kerry Mackay	6/18
1941/42	George Williams	9/16	1979/80	Ross Edwards	5/18
1942/43	Hugh Chilvers	4/16	1980/81	Ross Edwards	2/18
1943/44	Hugh Chilvers	15/16	1981/82	Mark Clews	4/18
1944/45	Hugh Chilvers	14/16	1982/83	Mark Clews	8/18
1945/46	Hugh Chilvers	13/16	1983/84	Ross Turner	5/18
1946/47	Tim Caldwell	10/16	1984/85	Ross Turner	8/18
1947/48	Tim Caldwell	Eq4/16	1985/86	Ross Turner	1/20
1948/49	Tim Caldwell	1/16	1986/87	Ross Turner	1/20
1949/50	Tim Caldwell	6/16	1987/88	Ross Turner	3/20
1950/51	? Hugh Chilvers	14/16	1988/89	Mark Taylor Brad Patterson	3/20
1951/52	?	12/16	1989/90	Brad Patterson	4/20
1952/53	Vince Collins John Kershaw	16/16	1990/91	Randal Green	14/20
1953/54	Jim Burke John Kershaw Finley Brian	8/16	1991/92	Randal Green	2/20
1954/55	Jim Burke	12/16	1992/93	Randal Green	1/20
1955/56	Jim Burke	13/16	1993/94	Randal Green	13/20
1956/57	Colin Millard Jim Burke	15/16	1994/95	Randal Green	11/20
1957/58	Colin Millard	12/16	1995/96	Bruce Mills	12/20
1958/59	John Dower	?/16	1996/97	Mark Lowe	13/20
1959/60	Jim Burke	6/16	1997/98	Andrew Sainsbury	17/20
1960/61	Jim Burke	4/16	1998/99	Andrew Sainsbury	10/20
1961/62	Jim Burke	4/16	1999/00	Andrew Sainsbury	4/20
1962/63	Jim Burke	1/16	2000/01	Andrew Sainsbury	

Second Grade

(1925/26 to 1999/00)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1925/26	Wally Rothwell	Eq9/16	1963/64	Ian Fraser	10/16
1926/27	Wally Rothwell	3/16	1964/65	Warwick Dunn	9/16
1927/28	Wally Rothwell	6/16	1965/66	Colin Millard	7/16
1928/29	Harold Renshaw	12/16	1966/67	Colin Millard	14/16
1929/30	Wally Rothwell	13/16	1967/68	Colin Millard	9/16
1930/31	Bert Patterson	8/16	1968/69	Kevin Butler	14/16
1931/32	Wally Bain	7/16	1969/70	Ken Longley	12/16
1932/33	Wally Bain	9/16	1970/71	Alan Lamb	15/16
1933/34	Frank Buckle Bert Patterson	5/16	1971/72	Neil Marks	4/16
1934/35	George Burdon	15/16	1972/73	Neil Marks	1/16
1935/36	George Burdon Bert Patterson	8/16	1973/74	Neil Marks	3/18
1936/37	Bert Patterson	5/16	1974/75	Neil Marks	15/18
1937/38	Bert Patterson	6/16	1975/76	Neil Marks	2/18
1938/39	Bill Law	16/16	1976/77	Neil Marks	6/18
1939/40	Bert Patterson Col Cameron	13/16	1977/78	Neil Marks	17/18
1940/41	Frank Day	12/16	1978/79	Neil Marks	4/18
1941/42	Greg Lynch Ellis Rothwell	9/16	1979/80	Neil Marks	2/18
1942/43	Greg Lynch	6/16	1980/81	John Iredale	3/18
1943/44	Wally Rothwell	5/16	1981/82	John Iredale	4/18

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<i>Season</i>	<i>Captain(s)</i>	<i>Pos'n</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Captain(s)</i>	<i>Pos'n</i>
1944/45	Charlie Carruthers	Eq2/16	1982/83	David Glasson	1/18
1945/46	Jim Beuzeville	2/16	1983/84	Stephen Day	1/18
1946/47	Jim Beuzeville Charlie Carruthers	5/16	1984/85	Peter Tout Stephen Day	14/20
1947/48	Greg Lynch	Eq4/16	1985/86	Paul Grimble	14/20
1948/49	Frank Day	16/16	1986/87	Paul Grimble	8/20
1949/50	Frank Day	7/16	1987/88	Jack Moran	5/20
1950/51	Frank Day	14/16	1988/89	Jack Moran	19/20
1951/52	Jim Sutherland	10/16	1989/90	Jack Moran	9/20
1952/53	Jim Sutherland	16/16	1990/91	Jack Moran	19/20
1953/54	Ray Stubley D Meagher Alan Patterson	14/16	1991/92	Jack Moran	18/20
1954/55	Ray Stubley	6/16	1992/93	Jack Moran	10/20
1955/56	Unknown	?	1993/94	Angus Farncomb	12/20
1956/57	Ron Ewington Doug Cameron Ray Stubley	11/16	1994/95	Jeremy Hook	13/20
1957/58	Ray Stubley	?	1995/96	Various	20/20
1958/59	Doug Cameron	?	1996/97	Ben Munro	4/20
1959/60	John Jagoe	1/16	1997/98	Jeremy Hook	5/20
1960/61	John Jagoe	9/16	1998/99	Jeremy Hook	2/20
1961/62	John Jagoe	10/16	1999/00	Simon Blake	1/20
1962/63	Ken Longley	11/16	2000/01	Simon Blake	

Third Grade
(1925/26 to 1999/00)

<i>Season</i>	<i>Captain(s)</i>	<i>Pos'n</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Captain(s)</i>	<i>Pos'n</i>
1925/26	Cyril Jagoe	8/16	1963/64	Austen Hughes	6/16
1926/27	Cyril Jagoe	13/16	1964/65	John Jagoe	6/16
1927/28	Perc Burdon	11/16	1965/66	John Jagoe	8/19
1928/29	Perc Burdon Sid Storey Cyril Jagoe	10/16	1966/67	Ian Fraser	7/16
1929/30	?	10/16	1967/68	Ian Fraser	6/16
1930/31	Wally Rothwell	9/16	1968/69	Ian Fraser	10/16
1931/32	Wally Rothwell	13/16	1969/70	Ian Fraser	4/16
1932/33	Wally Rothwell	3/16	1970/71	Ian Fraser	12/16
1933/34	Wally Rothwell	5/16	1971/72	Ken Longley	1/16
1934/35	Wally Rothwell	13/16	1972/73	Ken Longley	4/16
1935/36	Wally Rothwell	9/16	1973/74	Ken Longley	7/16
1936/37	Wally Rothwell	5/16	1974/75	Ken Longley	15/18
1937/38	Bob Firth	16/16	1975/76	Ken Longley	2/18
1938/39	Wally Rothwell	14/16	1976/77	Ken Longley	6/18
1939/40	Jack Wilson	12/16	1977/78	John Blazey	4/18
1940/41	George Williams	15/16	1978/79	John Blazey	8/18
1941/42	Wally Rothwell	12/16	1979/80	John Blazey	2/18
1942/43	Wally Rothwell	5/16	1980/81	John Blazey	3/18
1943/44	Bill Weekes	12/16	1981/82	Phil Blazey	15/18
1944/45	Wally Rothwell	9/16	1982/83	Bob Cadden	6/18
1945/46	Wally Rothwell Ellis Branz	8/16	1983/84	Ross Henry	19/20
1946/47	Ellis Branz	14/16	1984/85	David Watt	11/20
1947/48	Jim Beuzeville Phil Payne	Eq6/16	1985/86	David Watt	2/20
1948/49	Phil Payne	11/16	1986/87	Mal Middleton	10/20
1949/50	Phil Payne	1/16	1987/88	Peter Coyle	12/20
1950/51	Phil Payne	6/16	1988/89	Peter Coyle	15/20
1951/52	Ian Fraser	16/16	1989/90	Mal Middleton	15/20
1952/53	Ray Stubley	14/16	1990/91	Reg Tulk	7/20
1953/54	Ken Griffith	14/16	1991/92	David Watt	16/20

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1954/55	Cyril C Jagoe	7/16	1992/93	Ritchie Griffiths	14/20
1955/56	Cyril C Jagoe		1993/94	Jack Moran	9/20
1956/57	Larry Arthur	12/16	1994/95	Jack Moran	15/20
1957/58	Larry Arthur	7/16	1995/96	Dominic Hodson	13/20
1958/59	Nigel Sutherland		1996/97	Dominic Hodson	3/20
1959/60	Alan Patterson Lionel Fowler	7/16	1997/98	Dominic Hodson	9/20
1960/61	Lionel Fowler Austen Hughes	9/16	1998/99	Richard Errington	3/20
1961/62	Austen Hughes	9/16	1999/00	Richard Errington	3/20
1962/63	Austen Hughes	12/16	2000/01	Richard Errington	

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Fourth Grade
(1934/35 to 1999/00)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1934/35	Cyril J Jagoe	13/16	1973/74	Ian Fraser	11/18
1935/36	Cyril J Jagoe	16/16	1974/75	Ian Fraser	6/18
1936/37	?	6/16	1975/76	Ian Fraser	5/18
1939/40	Tom Marchington	14/16	1976/77	Ian Fraser	7/18
1948/49	H Mercer	15/16	1977/78	Ian Fraser	7/18
1949/50	Ian Fraser	2/16	1978/79	Ross Webb	2/18
1950/51	Ian Fraser	6/16	1979/80	Ross Webb Lindsay Foster	14/18
1951/52	Cyril C Jagoe Russ Wright	10/16	1980/81	Bob Cadden	12/18
1952/53	Ian Black	15/16	1981/82	Bob Cadden	7/18
1953/54	Cyril C Jagoe	5/16	1982/83	Reg Tulk	10/18
1954/55	E Ferris	10/16	1983/84	Reg Tulk	8/18
1955/56	Max Lloyd	7/16	1984/85	Reg Tulk	2/20
1956/57	Max Lloyd	12/16	1985/86	Reg Tulk	13/20
1957/58	Nigel Sutherland	7/16	1986/87	Reg Tulk	4/20
1958/59	Ron Boswell	3/16	1987/88	Reg Tulk	12/20
1959/60	Ron Boswell	3/16	1988/89	Reg Tulk	9/20
1960/61	Harold Griffin	3/16	1989/90	Reg Tulk	6/20
1961/62	Ian Black	5/16	1990/91	David Roughley	6/20
1962/63	Ian Black	3or4/16	1991/92	Reg Tulk	17/20
1963/64	Harold Griffin	5/16	1992/93	Mal Middleton	7/20
1964/65	Ken Tulk	9/16	1993/94	Allan Gear	15/20
1965/66	Harold Griffin	8/16	1994/95	John Cheeseman	13/20
1966/67	Harold Griffin	6/16	1995/96	Roger Clift	9/20
1967/68	Ian Black	4/16	1996/97	Jack Moran	4/20
1968/69	Ian Black	8/16	1997/98	Jack Moran	8/20
1969/70	John Jagoe	3/16	1998/99	Jack Moran	12/20
1970/71	John Jagoe	5/16	1999/00	Jack Moran	18/20
1971/72	John Jagoe	5/16	2000/01	Matt Bulkeley	
1972/73	Ian Fraser	7/16			

Fifth Grade
(1969/70 to 1999/00)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1969/70	Harold Griffin	1/	1981/82	Chris Haviland	7/18
	Wes Oke	8/		John Thompson	18/18
1970/71	Ken Tulk	5/	1982/83	Chris Haviland	17/18
	Wes Oke	6/	1983/84	Graeme Stewart	6/18
1971/72	Ken Tulk	1/	1984/85	Rowan Williams	17/20
	Wes Oke	6/	1985/86	John Lynch	16/20
1972/73	Ken Tulk	5/	1986/87	John Lynch	13/20
	Wes Oke	10/	1987/88	Geoff Harris	4/20
1973/74	Geoff Weir	6/	1988/89	David Roughley	7/20
1974/75	Mike McCarthy	7/	1989/90	Geoff Howden	11/20
	Max Lloyd	15/	1990/91	Geoff Howden	4/20
1975/76	Mike McCarthy	7/	1991/92	Geoff Howden	16/20
	Max Lloyd	12/	1992/93	Allan Gear	18/20
1976/77	Mike McCarthy	8/	1993/94	Various	8/20
	Simon Wells	16/	1994/95	Roger Clift	11/20
1977/78	Mike McCarthy	12/	1995/96	Phillip McQuillan	12/20
	Max Lloyd	16/	1996/97	Mark Langsworth	6/20
1978/79	Ken Tulk	6/	1997/98	Matt Bulkeley	11/20
	Ian Fraser	15/	1998/99	David Cleland	10/20

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<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1979/80	Mark Payne	17/18	1999/00	Matt Bulkeley	3/20
	Phillip Potts	3/18	2000/01	Ryan Bolger	
1980/81	Reg Tulk	5/18			
	Mark Payne	16/18			

Colts
(1938/39 and 1946/47)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1938/39	Jack Wilson	?	1946/47	Ron Foskett	?

Poidevin-Gray Shield
(1927/28 to 1999/00)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1928/29	Bill Shortland	?	1967/68	Kerry Mackay	?
1929/30	Jack Scott	?	1968/69	Kerry Mackay	?
1930/31	Dick Taylor	?	1969/70	Kerry Mackay	Premiers
1931/32	?	?	1970/71	Ian Davis	6th in Div
1932/33	?	?	1971/72	John Iredale	Runners-Up
1933/34	Doug Chilvers	Premiers	1972/73	Ian Davis	4th in Div
1934/35	?	?	1973/74	Peter Tout	5th in Div
1935/36	Frank Day	?	1974/75	Peter Tout	6th in Div
1936/37	Tom Cole	?	1975/76	Peter Tout	3rd in Div
1937/38	?	?	1976/77	Peter Tout	2nd in Div
1938/39	Bill Alley	?	1977/78	Ross Turner	Eq 2nd in Div
1939/40	Bill Alley	?	1978/79	Peter Vilimaa	Joint Premiers
1940/41	Bill Hannam	?	1979/80	Phil Voysey	Premiers
1946/47	?	?	1980/81	Paul Grimble	Joint Premiers
1947/48	Ray Stubley	?	1981/82	Greg Briggs	4th in Div
1948/49	Ray Stubley	?	1982/83	Stephen Day	4th in Div
1949/50	Alan Patterson	?	1983/84	Stephen Day	Semi-Finalists
1950/51	Brian Baldock	?	1984/85	Stephen Day	4th in Div
1951/52	Dick Bears	?	1985/86	Steve Liggins	5th in Div
1952/53	?	?	1986/87	Neil Maxwell	9th in Div
1953/54	?	?	1987/88	Neil Maxwell Ross Toohey	1st in Div
1954/55	Geoff Bryant	?	1988/89	Ross Toohey	6th in Div
1955/56	Geoff Bryant	?	1989/90	John Whelan	?
1956/57	Neil Marks	?	1990/91	John Whelan	6th in Div
1957/58	?	?	1991/92	John Whelan	Semi Finalists
1958/59	Bruce Gilroy	Semi Finalists	1992/93	?	Runners-Up
1959/60	Warwick Murray		1993/94	Mark Cattley	8th in Div
1960/61	Lynn Marks	6th in Div	1994/95	Mark Cattley	7th in Div
1961/62	Lynn Marks	4th in Div	1995/96	Mark Cattley	7th in Div
1962/63	Lynn Marks	?	1996/97	Matthew Daykin	5th in Div
1963/64	Adrian Worrall	?	1997/98	Matthew Daykin	Semi Finalists
1964/65	Mark Hope	5th in Div	1998/99	Domenic Thornely	Semi Finalists
1965/66	?	Last in Div	1999/00	Domenic Thornely	Premiers
1966/67	Terry Booth	5th in Div	2000/01	Aaron O'Brien	

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AW Green Shield
(1937/38 to 1999/00)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1937/38	Bill Hannam	6/15	1972/73	Ross Turner	Eq 5th in Div
1938/39	?		1973/74	Peter Vilimaa	5th in Div
1939/40	?	?	1974/75	Phil Voysey	Runners-Up
1946/47	Brian Baldock	?	1975/76	Phil Voysey	3rd in Div
1947/48	Brian Baldock	?	1976/77	Graeme Reece	3rd in Div
1948/49	Garry Hammill	Runners-Up	1977/78	Ross Henry	Premiers
1949/50	H Mater	6th in Div	1978/79	Greg Briggs	Premiers
1950/51	Geoff Bryant	2nd in Div	1979/80	Stephen Day	3rd in Div
1951/52	Don Stephen	?	1980/81	Scott Sexty	Runners-Up
1952/53	?	?	1981/82	Bruce Cunningham	5th in Div
1953/54	Neil Marks	?	1982/83	John Cheeseman	5th in Div
1954/55	?	?	1983/84	Ross Toohey	4th in Div
1955/56	Various	?	1984/85	Darren Latimore	4th in Div
1956/57	Lynn Marks	3rd in Div	1985/86	Craig Chilvers	2nd in Div
1957/58	Lynn Marks	8th in Div	1986/87	Kerry Mullins	4th in Div
1958/59	David Davidson	?	1987/88	Mark Bayliss	4th in Div
1959/60	Mark Hope	?	1988/89	James Simpson-Lee	Runners-Up
1960/61	Terry Hargraves	?	1989/90	Cameron Watson	4th in Div
1961/62	Terry Hargraves	?	1990/91	Mark Cattley	6th in Div
1962/63	Terry Booth	?	1991/92	Brendan Twining	8th in Div
1963/64	?	?	1992/93	Tim Lowe	3rd in Div
1964/65	Phil Wotton	?	1993/94	Alex Morris	2nd in Div
1965/66	Bill North	?	1994/95		7th in Div
1966/67	John Iredale	?	1995/96	Quentin Donald	Semi-Finalists
1967/68	Dennis Kimberley		1996/97	Ryan Nelson	3rd in Div
1968/69	Alan White	Premiers	1997/98	Daniel Friedrich	5th in Div
1969/70	Barry Piper	Joint Premiers	1998/99	Andrew Smith	Eq 2nd in Div
1970/71	Barry Piper	Runners-Up	1999/00	Andrew Smith	Eq 6/20
1971/72	Peter Tout	2nd in Div	2000/01		

Municipal and Shire
(1924/25 to 1968/69)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Captain(s)</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>
1924/25	-		2	1936/37	B	Arthur Wilson	12/14
1925/26	-	Ben Wheeler	2	1937/38	B	Wally Rothwell	7/16
1926/27	-	Ben Wheeler	18/18	1938/39	B		14/14
1927/28	-	Ben Wheeler	16/22	1939/40	B	Cyril Jagoe	
1928/29	B	Ben Wheeler	11	1940/41			
1929/30	B	Ben Wheeler	5/12	1941/42	-	Ellis Robins Des Sullivan	
1930/31	B	Cyril J Jagoe	2/14	1944/45	-	Bill Weekes	
1931/32	B	Cyril J Jagoe	3/14	1945/46	-	Bill Weekes	
1932/33	A	Cyril J Jagoe	14/18	1946/47	A	Wally Rothwell	
	B	Ben Wheeler	11/18	1947/48		Various	
1933/34	2	Cyril J Jagoe	13/14	1965/66	C	John Meredith-Jones	3/
	3	Ben Wheeler	4/14	1966/67	C	Geoff Brown	5/
1934/35	B	Ben Wheeler	1/14	1967/68	C	Ken Tulk	2/
1935/36	B	Ben Wheeler	6/14	1968/69	C	Harold Griffin	2/

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**City and Suburban
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<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>		<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>
1947/48	-	Jack Wilson		1968/69	A	Rae Richmond
1948/49	-	Jack Wilson			Vets	Max Lloyd
1949/50	-	Jack Wilson		1969/70	A	Rae Richmond
1950/51	-	Jack Wilson			Vets	Max Lloyd
1951/52	-	Max Lloyd		1970/71	A	Rae Richmond
1952/53	-	Max Lloyd			Vets	Max Lloyd
1953/54	-	Max Lloyd		1971/72	A	Rae Richmond
1954/55	-	Max Lloyd			Vets	Max Lloyd
1955/56	-			1972/73	A	Rae Richmond
1956/57	-	Rae Richmond			Vets	Max Lloyd
1957/58	A	Rae Richmond		1973/74	A	Rae Richmond
	B	Max Lloyd			Vets	Max Lloyd
1958/59	A	Rae Richmond		1974/75	-	Rae Richmond
	B	Max Lloyd		1975/76	-	Rae Richmond
1959/60	A	Rae Richmond		1976/77	-	Rae Richmond
	B	Max Lloyd		1977/78	-	Rae Richmond
1960/61	A	Rae Richmond		1978/79	-	Rae Richmond
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1979/80	-	Rae Richmond
1961/62	A	Rae Richmond		1980/81	-	Rae Richmond
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1981/82	-	Michael Grant
1962/63	A	Rae Richmond		1982/83	-	Michael Grant
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1983/84	-	Steve Lewis
1963/64	A	Rae Richmond		1984/85	-	Tim Stokes
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1985/86	-	Tim Stokes
1964/65	A	Rae Richmond		1986/87	-	Ian Clifton
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1987/88	-	Ian Clifton
1965/66	A	Rae Richmond		1988/89	-	Michael Grant
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1989/90	-	Michael Grant
1966/67	A	Rae Richmond		1990/91	-	Bruce Lumby
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1991/92	-	Bill Schafer
1967/68	A	Rae Richmond		1992/93	-	Mick Hewett
	Vets	Max Lloyd		1993/94	-	Mick Hewett

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Appendix Two: Office Bearers

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Senior Vice President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>NSWCA/SCA Delegates</i>
1924/25	Robert Vicars	-	Albert Spencer	Harold Renshaw	-
1925/26	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Albert Spencer	Harold Renshaw	Rupert Coogan Wally Rothwell
1926/27	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Wally Rothwell Harry Hunt Travers Brett Sid Storey	Harold Renshaw	Frank Buckle Wally Rothwell
1927/28	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Harold Renshaw	Wally Rothwell Sid Storey
1928/29	Hedley Bennett	Dr FA Lawes	Sid Storey	Ellis Robins	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1929/30	Hedley Bennett	Dr FA Lawes	Sid Storey	Ellis Robins	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1930/31	Hedley Bennett	Dr FA Lawes	Sid Storey	Ellis Robins	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1931/32	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ben Wheeler	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1932/33	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ben Wheeler	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1933/34	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ben Wheeler	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1934/35	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ben Wheeler	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1935/36	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ben Wheeler	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1936/37	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ben Wheeler	Frank Buckle Sid Storey
1937/38	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Dick Taylor	Wally Rothwell Sid Storey
1938/39	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Frank Sherington	Wally Rothwell Sid Storey
1939/40	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Frank Sherington	Wally Rothwell Sid Storey
1940/41	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Sid Storey	Ellis Robins	Wally Rothwell Sid Storey
1941/42	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Cyril Jagoe	Hedley Bennett	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1942/43	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Cyril Jagoe	Hedley Bennett	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1943/44	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Cyril Jagoe	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1944/45	Richard Allen	Hedley Bennett	Cyril Jagoe	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1945/46	Sid Storey	Hedley Bennett Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1946/47	Sid Storey	Wally Rothwell	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1947/48	Sid Storey	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1948/49	Sid Storey	Wally Rothwell	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1949/50	Sid Storey	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1950/51	Sid Storey	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1951/52	Sid Storey	Harold Renshaw	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1952/53	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1953/54	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1954/55	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Cyril Jagoe Sid Storey
1955/56	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Cyril Jagoe	Ellis Robins	Tim Caldwell Cyril Jagoe

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					Sid Storey
1956/57	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Greg Lynch	Tim Caldwell Ron Ewington
1957/58	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Greg Lynch	Tim Caldwell Ron Ewington
1958/59	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Nigel Sutherland	Tim Caldwell Ron Ewington
1959/60	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Austen Hughes	Nigel Sutherland	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1960/61	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Austen Hughes	Nigel Sutherland	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1961/62	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Austen Hughes	Nigel Sutherland	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1962/63	Sid Storey	Tim Caldwell	Austen Hughes	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1963/64	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Austen Hughes	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1964/65	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Austen Hughes	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1965/66	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Austen Hughes Geoff Weir	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes
1966/67	Tim Caldwell	Ron Ewington	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Geoff Weir
1967/68	Tim Caldwell Ron Ewington	Ron Ewington Doug Cameron	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Austen Hughes Geoff Weir
1968/69	Ron Ewington	Doug Cameron	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Austen Hughes Geoff Weir
1969/70	Ron Ewington	Austen Hughes	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Austen Hughes Geoff Weir
1970/71	Ron Ewington	Austen Hughes	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Austen Hughes Geoff Weir
1971/72	Austen Hughes	Colin Millard	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Austen Hughes Geoff Weir
1972/73	Austen Hughes	Colin Millard	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Geoff Weir
1973/74	Austen Hughes	Colin Millard	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Geoff Weir
1974/75	Austen Hughes	Colin Millard	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Geoff Weir
1975/76	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Geoff Weir
1976/77	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Geoff Weir	Maurie Willcoxsen	Tim Caldwell Geoff Weir
1977/78	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Graham Southwell	Mike McCarthy	Tim Caldwell Graham Southwell
1978/79	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Graham Southwell	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Graham Southwell
1979/80	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Hilary Griffith	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Hilary Griffith
1980/81	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Hilary Griffith	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Hilary Griffith
1981/82	Austen Hughes	Tim Caldwell	Hilary Griffith	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Hilary Griffith
1982/83	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Hilary Griffith	Ken Tulk	Tim Caldwell Hilary Griffith Austen Hughes
1983/84	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Hilary Griffith	Ken Tulk	Hilary Griffith Austen Hughes
1984/85	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Tim Ebbeck	Ken Tulk	Hilary Griffith Austen Hughes
1985/86	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Austen Hughes
1986/87	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Ron Grimble
1987/88	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Ron Grimble
1988/89	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Ron Grimble

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<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Senior Vice President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>NSWCA/SCA Delegates</i>
1989/90	Austen Hughes	Ron Grimble	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Ron Grimble
1990/91	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Hilary Griffith	Ken Tulk	Tim Ebbeck Hilary Griffith
1991/92	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Rocky Harris
1992/93	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Rocky Harris
1993/94	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Frank Clark	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Rocky Harris
1994/95	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Ken Tulk	Frank Clark Rocky Harris
1995/96	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Reg Tulk	Jim Barrett Rocky Harris
1996/97	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Reg Tulk	Jim Barrett Rocky Harris
1997/98	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Reg Tulk	Jim Barrett Rocky Harris
1998/99	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Reg Tulk	Jim Barrett Rocky Harris
1999/00	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Reg Tulk	Jim Barrett Rocky Harris
2000/01	Austen Hughes	Rocky Harris	Jim Barrett	Reg Tulk	Jim Barrett Michael Langford

Appendix Three: Major Awards

Life Members

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date Elected</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Hedley Bennett	17 July 1928	12 September 1945
Richard Allen	13 July 1931	1949
Harold Renshaw	10 July 1935	1 January 1974
Sid Storey	10 July 1935	1967
Ben Wheeler	10 July 1935	2 July 1939
Frank Buckle	10 July 1935	4 June 1982
Cyril J Jagoe	8 July 1936	11 May 1956
Wally Rothwell	12 July 1939	1959
Hugh Chilvers	12 July 1939	1 December 1994
Bert Patterson	12 July 1939	1940
George Williams	14 July 1942	1959
Percy Day	21 July 1953	1966
Ron Ewington	12 July 1960	2 December 1992
Ken Griffith	12 July 1960	22 December 1998
Tim Caldwell	12 July 1960	17 June 1994
Greg Lynch	12 July 1960	
Rae Richmond	22 July 1968	
Max Lloyd	17 July 1969	
Ian Fraser	16 July 1980	
John Jagoe	16 July 1980	
Neil Marks	16 July 1980	
Austen Hughes	1 July 1983	
Ken Tulk	1 July 1983	
Allan May	6 July 1989	
Phil Blazey	9 July 1992	
Geoff Weir	13 July 1994	25 October 1997
Ross Turner	13 July 1994	
Randal Green	17 July 1996	
Jack Moran	16 July 1997	
Rocky Harris	22 July 1998	
Mark Taylor	22 July 1998	
Ken Longley	19 July 2000	
Reg Tulk	19 July 2000	

First Grade Player of the Year

The First Grade Player of the Year award is decided using the points awarded to Northern District players in the Sydney Morning Herald Player of the Year award (since 1988/89 known as the O'Reilly Medal). Points are awarded by the two umpires on a 3-2-1 basis on each day's play, provided that a minimum of 90 minutes play takes place.

<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>
1967/68	Neil Marks	1984/85	Steve Whitfield
1968/69	John Phillips	1985/86	Peter Taylor
1969/70	Barry Rothwell	1986/87	Peter Vilimaa
1970/71	David Sincock	1987/88	Brad Patterson
1971/72	Steve Bernard	1988/89	Neil Maxwell
1972/73	Steve Bernard	1989/90	Randal Green
1973/74	Kerry Mackay	1990/91	?
1974/75	Kerry Mackay	1991/92	Randal Green
1975/76	Kerry Mackay	1992/93	?
1976/77	Steve Whitfield	1993/94	?
1977/78	Steve Bernard	1994/95	?
1978/79	Kerry Mackay	1995/96	?
1979/80	Kerry Mackay	1996/97	Matthew Daykin
1980/81	Mark Clews	1997/98	?

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1981/82	Neil Howlett		1998/99	John Whelan
1982/83	Ross Turner		1999/00	Andrew Sainsbury
1983/84	Steve Whitfield			

Player of the Season Award

*The Player of the Season award is open to players in all grade teams and is decided on a points basis, as follows:
 6 points for the first 20 runs in an innings, 2 points for every 10 runs thereafter, 3 points for every wicket,
 2 points for every catch and 4 points for every stumping.*

<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>		<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>
1979/80	David Glasson		1990/91	Ben Munro
1980/81	David Glasson		1991/92	Randal Green
1981/82	Brian Crawford		1992/93	Randal Green
1982/83	Warwick Barnes		1993/94	Adam Gilchrist
1983/84	Phil Blazey		1994/95	Randal Green
1984/85	Peter Taylor		1995/96	David Cleland
1985/86	Peter Taylor		1996/97	Matthew Daykin
1986/87	Peter Vilimaa		1997/98	Andrew Sainsbury
1987/88	Brad Patterson		1998/99	Mark Higgs
1988/89	Neil Maxwell		1999/00	Karl Danenbergsons
1989/90	Bruce Mills			

The Bill North Memorial Award

The Bill North Memorial Award is presented annually to the cricketer who best typifies the spirit in which Bill North played for the Club prior to his death in 1981. It is awarded to the player whose dedication and club spirit is judged most worthy of the award. The presentation is made each year at the Annual General Meeting.

<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>		<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>
1980/81	Ross Turner		1990/91	Geoff Howden
1981/82	John Iredale		1991/92	Chris Elder
1982/83	David Glasson		1992/93	John Whelan
1983/84	Stephen Day		1993/94	Bruce Mills
1984/85	Tim Ebbeck		1994/95	Roger Clift
1985/86	Phil Blazey		1995/96	David Cleland
1986/87	Reg Tulk		1996/97	Ben Munro
1987/88	Peter Vilimaa		1997/98	Karl Danenbergsons
1988/89	Jack Moran		1998/99	Ryan Bolger
1989/90	Neil Maxwell		1999/00	Clinton Witt

Mark Taylor Encouragement Award

<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Player</i>
1994/95	Matthew Schenke	1997/98	Steven Coombes
1995/96	Mathew Daykin	1998/99	Dominic Thornely
1996/97	Clinton Witt	1999/00	Ryan Nelson

Wisden Cricketers of the Year

Five cricketers who have played for the Northern District Cricket Club have been named among Wisden's annual Five Cricketers of the Year.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Player</i>
1954	Neil Harvey	1962	Alan Davidson
1957	Jim Burke	1990	Mark Taylor
1962	Bill Alley		

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Appendix Four: Batting & Bowling Awards

First Grade

Season	Batting Aggregate		Batting Average		Bowling Aggregate		Bowling Average	
	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1925/26	Roy Loder	754	Frank Buckle	63.75	Rupert Coogan	29	Rupert Coogan	28.17
1926/27	Frank Buckle	694	Frank Buckle	46.26	Rupert Coogan	31	Rupert Coogan	24.12
1927/28	Roy Loder	653	Roy Loder	50.23	Hugh Chilvers	15	Claude Achurch	14.84
1928/29	Roy Loder	515	Roy Loder	46.81	Hugh Chilvers	33	D Fleming	13.66
1929/30	S Thomas	487	Clive Chin	33.28	Jack Scott	50	Jack Scott	13.22
1930/31	George Williams	392	Dick Taylor	20.93	Harry Hunt	49	Harry Hunt	14.65
1931/32	Hugh Chilvers	347	Arthur Clifton	30.20	Hugh Chilvers	44	Hugh Chilvers	13.20
1932/33	George Williams	410	Hugh Chilvers	36.61	Gordon Stewart	33	Gordon Stewart	16.90
1933/34	George Williams	319	George Williams	31.9	Hugh Chilvers	41	Hugh Chilvers	11.97
1934/35	Noel Miller	614	Les Fallowfield	56.71	Hugh Chilvers	64	Hugh Chilvers	11.40
1935/36	Roy Loder	445	Les Fallowfield	30.10	Tim Caldwell	65	Tim Caldwell	13.40
1936/37	Les Fallowfield	617	Les Fallowfield	47.46	Hugh Chilvers	67	Hugh Chilvers	13.23
1937/38	Les Fallowfield	556	Les Fallowfield	37.06	Hugh Chilvers	56	Hugh Chilvers	14.48
1938/39	Les Fallowfield	447	Bill Morris	37.70	Hugh Chilvers	46	Hugh Chilvers	18.21
1939/40	Bill Morris	510	Vern Clifton	42.86	Tim Caldwell	49	Reg Crowe	19.33
1940/41	Bill Alley	393	Bill Alley	24.56	Hugh Chilvers	50	Les Fallowfield	16.50
1941/42	Les Fallowfield	1011	Les Fallowfield	72.21	Hugh Chilvers	110	Hugh Chilvers	12.27
1942/43	Bill Alley	1026	Bill Alley	46.63	Hugh Chilvers	126	Hugh Chilvers	10.40
1943/44	Bill Englefield	544	Les Fallowfield	23.12	Hugh Chilvers	102	Hugh Chilvers	12.25
1944/45	Ellis Rothwell	490	Ellis Rothwell	28.82	Hugh Chilvers	41	Alf Ziehke	13.52
1945/46	Les Fallowfield	622	Les Fallowfield	51.83	Hugh Chilvers Jack Scott	25	Tim Caldwell	17.24
1946/47	Les Fallowfield	479	Les Fallowfield	34.21	Hugh Chilvers	51	Bruce Buckley	16.53
1947/48	Vince Collins	510	Vince Collins	36.42	Vince Collins	40	Vince Collins	15.62
1948/49	Irvine Hill	408	Ray Stubley	28.36	Hugh Chilvers	42	Alan Davidson	14.94
1949/50	John Kershaw	536	John Kershaw	48.73	Hugh Chilvers	38	Alan Davidson	13.36
1950/51	Vince Collins	374	Vince Collins	28.49	Alan Davidson	21	Alan Davidson	15.47
1951/52	Dick Beard	667	Alan Davidson	56.10	Ian Humphreys	37	Ian Humphreys	22.60
1952/53	John Kershaw	427	John Kershaw	25.11	Len Shaw	18	Len Shaw	16.94
1953/54	Finley Brian	650	Jim Burke	81.00	Ian Humphreys	27	Ian Humphreys	22.29
1954/55	John Kershaw	513	John Kershaw	51.30	Nigel Sutherland	38	Jim Burke	13.48
1955/56	Finley Brian	430	Jim Burke	73.60	Jim Burke	41	Jim Burke	9.29
1956/57	Neil Marks	402	Neil Marks	57.42	John Dower	24	Jim Burke	13.79
1957/58	Neil Marks	624	Neil Marks	41.60	Don McDonald	51	Don McDonald	22.13
1958/59	Neil Marks	686	Neil Marks	68.60	Jim Burke	40	Jim Burke	10.57
1959/60	Neil Marks	372	Jim Mathers	51.00	Jim Burke	46	Alf Hodges	10.90

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Season	Batting Aggregate		Batting Average		Bowling Aggregate		Bowling Average	
	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
0								
1960/61	Jim Burke	621	Jim Burke	77.62	Ken Clarke	38	Ken Clarke	14.31
1961/62	Lynn Marks	671	Jim Burke	59.11	Ross Taylor	31	Jim Burke	16.15
1962/63	Lynn Marks	644	Neil Marks	51.80	John Phillips	34	Jim Burke	16.50
1963/64	Jim Burke	463	Jim Burke	46.30	John Phillips	36	Bill Jocelyn	20.68
1964/65	Neil Marks	520	Neil Harvey	51.60	John Phillips	40	John Phillips	28.57
1965/66	Neil Harvey	710	Neil Harvey	50.70	Bill Jocelyn	30	Bill Jocelyn	19.30
1966/67	Neil Marks	694	Neil Marks	53.40	John Phillips	61	John Phillips	14.90
1967/68	Neil Marks	662	Neil Marks	38.94	John Phillips	47	John Blazey	21.05
1968/69	Kerry Mackay	623	Barry Rothwell	40.00	John Phillips	41	Bill Jocelyn	22.52
1969/70	Barry Rothwell	550	Barry Rothwell	34.38	David Sincock John Phillips	30	David West	18.85
1970/71	Barry Rothwell	475	Barry Rothwell	39.58	Steve Bernard	31	Kerry Mackay	14.38
1971/72	Ian Davis	695	Kerry Mackay	51.87	Steve Bernard	36	David West	12.33
1972/73	Barry Rothwell	510	Barry Rothwell	36.43	Steve Bernard	42	Steve Bernard	12.38
1973/74	Kerry Mackay	522	Barry Rothwell	32.73	Mark Clews	45	John Iredale	10.80
1974/75	Kerry Mackay	591	Kerry Mackay	36.93	Kerry Mackay	35	Kerry Mackay	22.45
1975/76	Kerry Mackay	504	Kerry Mackay	45.81	Steve Bernard	38	Kerry Mackay	14.90
1976/77	Kerry Mackay	509	Rowan McGregor	38.40	Steve Bernard	44	Mark Clews	14.52
1977/78	Kerry Mackay	588	Mark Clews	50.25	Steve Bernard	39	Steve Bernard	11.46
1978/79	Neil Howlett	406	Peter Taylor	45.40	Steve Bernard	47	Kerry Mackay	13.20
1979/80	Neil Howlett	642	Kerry Mackay	46.08	Steve Whitfield	31	Peter Taylor	19.00
1980/81	Neil Howlett	713	Neil Howlett	37.52	Mark Clews	45	Kerry Mackay	12.95
1981/82	Neil Howlett	709	Peter Taylor	61.66	Steve Whitfield	37	Kerry Mackay	16.76
1982/83	Jack Moran	547	Neil Howlett	36.53	Steve Whitfield	35	Mark Clews	19.70
1983/84	Peter Taylor	522	Mark Taylor	52.25	Steve Whitfield	39	Peter Vilimaa	13.60
1984/85	Mark Taylor	717	Mark Taylor	47.80	Steve Whitfield	64	Steve Whitfield	14.73
1985/86	Randal Green	835	Randal Green	64.23	Steve Whitfield	39	Peter Taylor	16.06
1986/87	Neil Howlett	658	Mark Taylor	63.44	Peter Vilimaa	47	Peter Vilimaa	16.80
1987/88	Ian Moore	514	Neil Maxwell	58.87	Brad Patterson	29	Brad Patterson	12.89
1988/89	Randal Green	638	Ross Turner	46.30	Neil Maxwell	49	Neil Maxwell	11.04
1989/90	Randal Green	570	Tony Fort	36.30	Peter Vilimaa	34	Darby Quoye	11.66
1990/91	Ross Turner	528	Tony Fort	35.57	Chris Elder	32	Chris Elder	22.03
1991/92	Mark Atkinson	583	Mark Atkinson	83.28	Chris Elder	32	Paul Scurr	17.00
1992/93	Randal Green	843	Randal Green	60.20	Chris Elder	40	Chris Elder	16.30
1993/94	Adam Gilchrist	667	Adam Gilchrist	74.11	Bruce Mills	25	Neil Maxwell	14.30
1994/95	Dean Gilchrist	514	Dean Gilchrist	42.83	Simon Waddington	42	Neil Maxwell	16.35
1995/96	Matthew Daykin	616	Matthew Daykin	30.80	Bruce Mills	27	Bruce Mills	31.59
1996/97	Andrew Sainsbury	564	Andrew Sainsbury	33.17	John Whelan	39	Matthew Daykin	11.04
1997/98	Andrew Sainsbury	882	Andrew Sainsbury	51.88	Ross Longley	30	John Whelan	21.15

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	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1998/99	Mark Higgs	717	Mark Higgs	51.21	John Whelan	45	John Whelan	14.67
1999/00	Andrew Sainsbury	871	Andrew Sainsbury	58.07	John Whelan	29	Domenic Thornely	18.32

Second Grade

Season	Batting Aggregate		Batting Average		Bowling Aggregate		Bowling Average	
	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1925/26	Wally Rothwell	426	Wally Rothwell	71.00	Harry Hunt	34	Sid Storey	13.00
1926/27	Wally Rothwell	517	Wally Rothwell	47.00	Hugh Chilvers	37	Ellis Rothwell	14.50
1927/28	Wally Rothwell	509	Wally Rothwell	101.80	Carl Brennan	37	Carl Brennan	14.40
1928/29	L Daly	345	Val Fitzroy	45.00	Jack Scott	31	Val Fitzroy	8.50
1929/30	Carl Brennan	742	Carl Brennan	41.20	Gordon Stewart	31	Gordon Stewart	10.90
1930/31	Clem Mann	449	Clem Mann	74.83	Rowley Cuddy	49	Bill Seale	11.07
1931/32	Reg Burdon	429	Wal Bain	27.50	Rowley Cuddy	53	Rowley Cuddy	16.55
1932/33	Les Fallowfield	393	Les Fallowfield	39.30	Tim Caldwell	44	Rowley Cuddy	12.55
1933/34	Noel Miller	436	Roy Loder	65.00	Frank Smith	24	Frank Smith	15.46
1934/35	Bert Patterson	396	Bert Patterson	39.60	Jack Chin	35	Phil Dunncliffe	12.73
1935/36	F Ferguson	484	Bill Morris	35.62	Bill Law	38	Max Fitzsimons	15.27
1936/37	Phil Payne	395	Phil Payne	35.91	Jack Agnew	33	Frank Gilmore	12.88
1937/38	Stuart Kilgour	402	Bill Englefield	67.60	Phil Dunncliffe	49	Phil Dunncliffe	16.93
1938/39	Charlie Carruthers	417	Bill Law	36.50	Reg Crowe	48	Phil Crowe	16.83
1939/40	Ken Griffith	430	Frank Day	56.25	Col Cameron	43	Bill Hannam	12.23
1940/41	Frank Day	520	Charlie Carruthers	46.00	Greg Lynch	36	Arthur Wilson	9.40
1941/42	Frank Collins	453	Jim Sullivan	47.75	Albert Dawkins	34	Jim Sullivan	9.41
1942/43	Ellis G Rothwell	368	Kevin Gilmore	24.66	Greg Lynch	63	Greg Lynch	10.55
1943/44	Jim Beuzeville	413	Charlie Carruthers	18.82	Alf Ziehlke	81	Alf Ziehlke	11.10
1944/45	Hilton Spurway	437	Hilton Spurway	24.29	Alf Ziehlke	46	Alf Ziehlke	6.96
1945/46	Ron Boswell	403	Ron Boswell	23.70	Greg Lynch	56	Reg Giddey	11.16
1946/47	Peter Van Zuylen	437	Peter Van Zuylen	36.00	Alf Ziehlke	50	Greg Lynch	13.71
1947/48	Alf Ziehlke	338	Ken Griffith	24.00	Greg Lynch	50	Greg Lynch	13.86
1948/49	Jim Sutherland	392	Frank Collins	41.12	Greg Lynch	48	Greg Lynch	19.68
1949/50	Max Lumby	385	Jim Mathers	33.57	Greg Lynch	44	Greg Lynch	15.07
1950/51	Frank Day	268	Frank Day	29.78	Greg Lynch	37	Greg Lynch	15.19
1951/52	Jim Sutherland	491	Ken Griffith	43.28	Ron Ewington	38	Greg Lynch	12.46
1952/53	Max Lumby	255	Max Lumby	21.25	Greg Lynch	41	Greg Lynch	16.85
1953/54	Ray Stuble	363	Ray Stuble	51.85	Jim Sullivan	44	Jim Sullivan	19.57
1954/55	Garry Hammill	351	Alan Patterson	29.10	Jim Sullivan	41	Ron Ewington	14.10
1955/56	Doug Cameron	246	Ray Stuble	29.00	Ron Ewington	26	Ron Ewington	18.92
1956/57	Ray Stuble	316	Ray Stuble	24.30	Jim Sullivan	36	Lionel Fowler	17.21
1957/58	Warren Trotman	429	Warren Trotman	33.00	Jim Sullivan	69	Geoff Weir	17.69
1958/59	John Jagoe	298	Don Stephen	29.20	Jim Sullivan	29	Jim Sullivan	17.07
1959/60	Don Stephen	452	Ken Longley	33.40	Jim Sullivan	75	Jim Sullivan	13.00
1960/61	Ken Longley	452	Ken Longley	45.20	Jim Sullivan	38	Geoff Weir	16.60
1961/62	R Matthews	242	John Jagoe	29.10	Jim Sullivan	37	Jim Sullivan	21.00
1962/63	John Kershaw	423	John Kershaw	30.40	Alf Hodges	42	Alf Hodges	13.20
1963/64	Ken Longley	390	Phil Blazey	39.60	Ron Alexander	39	Ron Alexander	16.80
1964/65	Bill Dixon	382	Colin Millard	36.28	Ashleigh Byron	25	Alf Hodges	18.06
1965/66	Colin Millard	458	Colin Millard	32.70	Alf Hodges	35	Alf Hodges	13.80
1966/67	Kevin Butler	534	Kevin Butler	31.40	Graham Doherty	45	Graham Doherty	13.50
1967/68	Kevin Butler	328	Kevin Butler	36.44	Bob Piper	30	Bob Piper	26.60
1968/69	Kevin Butler	636	Kevin Butler	48.92	Graham Doherty Bob Piper	24	Bob Piper	18.41
1969/70	Dennis Kimberley	385	John Cumming	49.70	Bill Jocelyn	35	Dennis Kimberley	14.10
1970/71	Ross Webb	407	Phil Wotton	33.00	Bob Piper	14	<i>No Qualifier</i>	
1971/72	Neil Marks	418	Ian Cooke	38.00	Ashleigh Byron	30	Ashleigh Byron	15.23
1972/73	Neil Marks	500	Neil Marks	41.66	Phil Blazey	30	Steve Whitfield	10.04
1973/74	Bill North	486	Ross Turner	42.20	Steve Whitfield	43	Steve Whitfield	8.32
1974/75	Neil Marks	371	Neil Marks	24.73	Ron Halse	28	Ron Halse	19.10
1975/76	Peter Taylor	399	Peter Taylor	26.60	Steve Whitfield	61	Neil Marks	9.25
1976/77	Brian Crawford	398	Brian Crawford	44.22	Peter Vilimaa	36	John Cumming	12.32
1977/78	Ross Turner	446	Ross Turner	49.55	Peter Vilimaa	25	Phil Blazey	11.50
1978/79	Bill North	428	Jack Moran	42.60	Peter Vilimaa	39	Phil Blazey	17.39

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	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1979/80	John Iredale	684	John Iredale	45.60	Brian Crawford	42	John Iredale	14.38
1980/81	John Iredale	476	Ross Turner	38.37	Phil Blazey	25	Hugh Martin	13.45
1981/82	Brian Crawford	566	Brian Crawford	51.45	David Glasson	29	Peter Vilimaa	15.12
1982/83	Gavin Ridley	469	Gavin Ridley	39.08	Phil Blazey	43	Phil Blazey	11.72
1983/84	Stephen Day	498	Chris Shelley	67.00	Phil Blazey	60	Phil Blazey	12.31
1984/85	Paul Grimble	409	Neil Maxwell	30.77	Phil Blazey	41	Phil Blazey	19.21
1985/86	Neil Maxwell	368	Neil Maxwell	40.88	Phil Blazey	34	Phil Blazey	19.73
1986/87	Ross Toohey	469	Ross Toohey	39.08	Paul Grimble	41	Paul Grimble	19.56
1987/88	Tim Johnson	546	David Watt	49.14	Geoff Roberts Paul Mills	26	Geoff Roberts	21.96
1988/89	Jack Moran	464	Jack Moran	35.64	Paul Mills	34	Paul Mills	15.64
1989/90	Bruce Mills	506	Jack Moran	39.81	Bruce Mills	26	Darren Ferris	16.95
1990/91	Simon Blake	646	Simon Blake	43.06	Simon Waddington	27	Simon Waddington	28.00
1991/92	Stuart Dorahy	282	Stuart Dorahy	28.20	Ben Munro	26	John Whelan	25.36
1992/93	Declan Barnett	533	Declan Barnett	66.63	Stuart Dorahy	30	Martin Wood	19.37
1993/94	Angus Farncomb	406	Ross Turner	53.33	Mark Cattley	20	Martin Field	21.40
1994/95	Matthew Daykin	360	Matthew Daykin	45.00	David Peel	25	David Peel	27.84
1995/96	Matt Schenke	510	Jeremy Hook	36.70	Karl Danenbergsons	31	Karl Danenbergsons	22.90
1996/97	Neil D'Costa	550	Neil D'Costa	68.75	Ross Longley	31	Ben Munro	20.95
1997/98	Marc Seymour	504	Marc Seymour	45.82	Steven Coombes	36	Brett Penprase	15.31
1998/99	Mark Lowe	453	Mark Lowe	37.75	Jonathon Tait	30	Dominic Hodson	12.00
1999/00	Simon Blake	612	Simon Blake	36.00	Karl Danenbergsons	51	Karl Danenbergsons	16.72

Third Grade

Season	Batting Aggregate		Batting Average		Bowling Aggregate		Bowling Average	
	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1925/26	Harold Renshaw	499	Harold Renshaw	33.26	C Stoyles	35	Reg Burdon	11.91
1926/27	H Rees	269	Bill Shortland	26.20	Jack Scott	39	Jack Scott	8.38
1927/28	Perc Burdon	355	M Young	31.42	Jack Scott	34	Jack Scott	12.14
1928/29	H Payne	311	K Collins	29.87	Rowley Cuddy	29	Rowley Cuddy	13.48
1929/30	Bill Shortland	226	Bill Shortland	32.28	Frank Smith	29	S Fitzsimons	12.48
1930/31	Hilton Spurway	489	Hilton Spurway	37.61	SJ Stanton	33	Jack Chin	16.18
1931/32	Wally Rothwell	369	Albert Small	27.60	Bill Shortland	31	J Stanton	9.50
1932/33	Wally Rothwell	578	Wally Rothwell	41.28	Frank Smith	49	J Moore	10.82
1933/34	Wally Rothwell	400	Wally Rothwell	33.33	Ellis G Rothwell	36	N Achurch	10.85
1934/35	Albert Small	417	Albert Small	34.75	Ellis G Rothwell	24	Bob Firth	12.90
1935/36	Tom Webb	346	Tom Webb	28.83	Jack Agnew	36	Frank Hansell	12.88
1936/37	Stuart Kilgour	404	Stuart Kilgour	31.07	Rowley Cuddy	28	Bob Firth	15.00
1937/38	Albert Small	424	Albert Small	19.27	Greg Lynch	44	Greg Lynch	12.40
1938/39	Albert Small	383	Ray Rowell	26.53	Greg Lynch	44	Ray Rowell	17.19
1939/40	Albert Small	377	N Collins	44.12	Jack Wilson	29	Maurice Hartigan	18.18
1940/41	Bob Frazer	399	Bob Frazer	33.25	R Quint	18	R Quint	18.22
1941/42	Kevin Lennox	205	John Jagoe	22.37	Maurice Slade	34	Maurice Slade	6.91
1942/43	Wally Rothwell	376	Wally Rothwell	22.11	Hedley Day	68	Jim Sullivan	9.50
1943/44	Kevin Laird	291	Kevin Laird	17.11	A Ward	36	Alf Ziehke	11.17
1944/45	Trevor Chapman	411	Archie Doyle	29.66	Ray Badger	29	Hedley Day	12.04
1945/46	Alan Mitchell	375	Alan Mitchell	31.25	R Newman	22	Ray Badger	13.70
1946/47	Lloyd Gollan	340	Charlie Richardson	25.09	Charlie Richardson	44	Charlie Richardson	10.75
1947/48	Phil Payne	289	Kel Branz	26.71	George Niblett	33	George Niblett	10.75
1948/49	Alan Parker	373	Harry Stoyles	34.00	Harry Stoyles	18	Geoff Tweedale	10.70
1949/50	Jim Beuzeville	432	Ken Clarke	27.00	Ken Clarke	52	Ken Clarke	9.69
1950/51	Alan Parker	548	Alan Parker	32.23	Alf Ziehke	60	Alf Ziehke	7.98
1951/52	Gordon Heddles	266	Gordon Heddles	29.55	Geoff Weir	22	Geoff Bryant	19.66
1952/53	Graham Findlay	278	Graham Findlay	23.16	Kevin Moore	27	Kevin Moore	10.14
1953/54	Ken Griffith	255	Don Lumby	28.22	E Lean	27	E Lean	16.74
1954/55	Ken Griffith	351	Ken Griffith	43.87	Dick Walker	21	Geoff Bryant	9.47
1955/56	Cyril C Jagoe	349	Cyril C Jagoe	36.66	Cyril C Jagoe	17	Len Shaw	16.31
1956/57	Alan Pearson	436	Alan Pearson	36.33	Tom Hobson	23	Tom Hobson	15.82
1957/58	Trevor Manser	284	Trevor Manser	21.84	Allan May	27	Geoff Weir	14.25

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	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1958/59	Nigel Sutherland	339	Stuart Woodger	33.12	Harold Griffin	17	Harold Griffin	26.5 2
1959/60	Austen Hughes	299	Austen Hughes	23.00	Ken Tulk	46	Ken Tulk	7.67
1960/61	M Strong	339	Alan Taylor	33.33	Ken Tulk	26	Ken Tulk	12.76
1961/62	Kevin Butler	369	Alan Taylor	37.00	Ken Tulk	42	Ken Tulk	13.11
1962/63	Austen Hughes	283	Bill Dixon	23.14	Geoff Weir	26	Peter Carruthers	10.70
1963/64	Colin Millard	408	Colin Millard	37.09	Alan Vinter	24	Allan May	10.93
1964/65	John Jagoe	376	John Jagoe	31.33	Alan Vinter	27	B McCarthy	16.45
1965/66	Peter Bennett	336	Kerry Mackay	42.71	Alan Lamb	24	B McCarthy	18.43
1966/67	John Jagoe	453	Peter Terrey	26.25	John Jagoe	42	John Jagoe	18.0 0
1967/68	Bill Dixon	378	John Jagoe	33.00	Ian Fraser	22	Ian Fraser	16.77
1968/69	Alan Lamb	415	Alan Lamb	59.28	Alan White	19	Alan White	28.3 6
1969/70	John Iredale	319	Phil Wotton	32.57	Hartley Anderson	39	Hartley Anderson	10.87
1970/71	Ern Glass	282	Bob Piper	28.25	Tony Horsley	24	Dennis Kimberley	11.31
1971/72	Jack Moran	406	Jack Moran	50.75	Tony Horsley	35	John Meredith-Jones	13.29
1972/73	Max Shepherd	410	Lindsay Foster	31.85	Tony Horsley	41	Tony Horsley	13.07
1973/74	Paul Price	579	Jack Moran	52.66	Ron Halse Peter Villimaa	29	Phil Blazey	9.11
1974/75	Geoff Brown	498	Geoff Brown	31.12	David Glasson	29	David Glasson	16.31
1975/76	Neil Howlett	430	Neil Howlett	53.75	Phil Blazey	33	Alan White	13.0 0
1976/77	Phil Voysey	393	Peter Garrett	27.23	Robert Thomas	30	Phil Blazey	11.75
1977/78	John Blazey	382	John Blazey	31.83	John Blazey	33	John Blazey	14.57
1978/79	Bob Laing	559	Brad Patterson	37.66	John Cumming Bob Cadden	22	David Glasson	13.09
1979/80	Richard Fethers	466	Graeme Reece	43.00	David Glasson	56	David Glasson	12.8 9
1980/81	Bob Laing	415	Bob Laing	43.00	David Glasson	33	Brad Patterson	12.0 0
1981/82	Mark Taylor	392	Ross Henry	36.71	John Cumming	22	Phil Blazey	14.22
1982/83	John Iredale	332	Ross Henry	24.18	Scott Wills	24	Mal Middleton	12.70
1983/84	Phil Harmer	265	David Watt	19.83	Ross Henry	15	Ross Henry	19.4 0
1984/85	Andrew Weeks	389	Andrew Weeks	48.62	Scott Wills	30	Scott Wills	24.4 0
1985/86	Chris Shelley	381	Chris Shelley	47.62	Michael Coen	24	David Watt	19.8 8
1986/87	Tim Johnson	465	Tim Johnson	51.66	David Watt	20	Darren Ferris	15.33
1987/88	Andrew Lenton	269	Andrew Lenton	29.88	Mal Middleton	21	Grant Nati	13.0 0
1988/89	Tod Miles	302	Mal Middleton	37.33	Brad Duffy	22	Brad Duffy	23.3 6
1989/90	Matthew Watson	416	Craig Waddell	49.12	Colin Podmore	35	Colin Podmore	11.68
1990/91	Declan Barnett	415	Ben Munro	42.55	Ben Munro	27	Ben Munro	18.9 2
1991/92	Scott Cumming	226	Cameron Watson	24.67	Andrew McKinnon	27	Andrew McKinnon	20.3 7
1992/93	Andrew Blaikie	301	Justin Howse	38.50	Simon Waddington Brad Erickson	17	Brad Erickson	15.00
1993/94	Jack Moran	448	Jack Moran	44.80	Daniel Lea	23	Daniel Lea	13.04
1994/95	Brad Erickson	363	Brad Erickson	40.33	Brett Penprase	23	Brett Penprase	17.39
1995/96	Clinton Witt	346	Ryan Bolger	33.22	John Beckett	24	Dominic Hodson	15.00
1996/97	Trevor Power	420	Clinton Witt	36.11	Brett Penprase Mitchell Bruce	32	Brett Penprase	14.63
1997/98	Dominic Hodson	457	Dominic Hodson	30.47	Peter Whelan	22	Peter Whelan	11.00
1998/99	Richard Errington	450	Richard Errington	34.62	Darren Schreiber	28	Chris Peebles	14.8 0
1999/00	Ben Davis	387	Joe Audet	41.25	Jarred Hodges	37	Jarred Hodges	12.11

Fourth Grade

Season	Batting Aggregate		Batting Average		Bowling Aggregate		Bowling Average	
	Batsman	Runs	Batsman	Ave.	Bowler	Wkts	Bowler	Ave
1934/35	Herb Fallowfield	290	H Hedstrom	23.50	Jack Wilson	28	Jack Wilson	16.07
1935/36	Bill Englefield	412	Bill Englefield	34.33	H Wells	27	H Wells	15.81
1936/37	Herb Fallowfield	360	R Mills	24.37	Ray Badger	28	Ray Badger	12.60
1939/40	Norman Moore	355	Norman Moore	39.44	Albert Dawkins	35	Maurice Hartigan	12.43
1948/49	K Lennox	341	K Lennox	20.05	Tom Geelan	39	Tom Geelan	13.35
1949/50	Bill Neville	271	Bill Neville	45.16	Ian Fraser	39	John Rainsford	13.81
1950/51	Ian Fraser	173	Ian Black	30.50	Ian Fraser	24	Don Stephen	5.66
1951/52	C Crebert	253	Cyril C Jagoe	25.33	Ian Eldred	27	Ian Eldred	15.37
1952/53	Wally Pierce	229	Wally Pierce	15.26	Ian Black	18	G Draper	15.00