

AUBURN  
LIDCOMBE  
SHIRE  
CRICKET  
CLUB

73 - 74

TWENTY - THIRD  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

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MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE COMPETITION WINNERS SINCE 1953/54

"A" DIVISION

1953/54	Auburn-Lidcombe
1954/55	Pennant Hills
1955/56	Burwood
1956/57	Ryde
	Auburn-Lidcombe - Minor Premiers
1957/58	Epping
1958/59	Epping
1959/60	Canterbury
1960/61	Pennant Hills
1961/62	Auburn-Lidcombe
1962/63	Auburn-Lidcombe
	Auburn-Lidcombe - Minor Premiers
	Auburn-Lidcombe - Club Champions
1963/64	Auburn-Lidcombe
1964/65	University of NSW
1965/66	University of NSW
1966/67	Roseville
1967/68	University of NSW
1968/69	Roseville
1969/70	Wentworthville
1970/71	University of NSW
1971/72	University of NSW
1972/73	Wentworthville
1973/74	Epping

"B" DIVISION

Lindfield
Burwood
Burwood
Sutherland
-
Epping
Bexley
Pennant Hills
Lane Cove
Pennant Hills
Lane Cove
-
-
University of NSW
Burwood
Epping
University of NSW
University of NSW
Lane Cove
Lane Cove
Epping
Burwood
Burwood
Wentworthville

"C" DIVISION

1964/65	Sutherland
1965/66	Balmain
1966/67	Bankstown-Canterbury
1967/68	Wentworthville
1968/69	Southern Districts
1969/70	Lane Cove & Canterbury (Joint Premiers)
1970/71	Lane Cove
1971/72	Macquarie University
1972/73	Macquarie University
1973/74	Lane Cove II
	Auburn-Lidcombe - Minor Premiers

AUBURN LIDCOMBE SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Sir,

You are cordially invited to attend the 23rd Annual Meeting of the above club to be held at the Auburn Baseball Club, Tavistock Street, Auburn on Wednesday, 24th July, 1974 at 8 p.m. sharp.

Business:

1. The reading and adoption of the 23rd Annual Report and Financial Statement.

2. Consideration of the following Notice of Motion,

"That the size of the Management Committee be reduced to include only the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Ass. Secretary and Treasurer. A Social Committee consisting of five members to be elected separately."

Moved by J. Ross, seconded by T. Suchy.

3. Presentation of trophies to the following players:

"George Parry" Player of the Year	-	Felix Molski
Batting Aggregate	-	Ted Suchy
Batting Average	-	Ted Suchy
Bowling Aggregate	-	Don Gillard
Bowling Average	-	Allan Smee
Fielding Award	-	Jude Findlay

4. Election of Office Bearers and Committees.

5. Drawing of 1st prize in lottery (\$75).

6. General Business at pleasure of the President.

John Ross  
Hon. Secretary

74 Milson Road,  
CREMORNE, 2090.  
Phone: 90 4309.

OFFICE BEARERS 1973-74

PATRON	:	Mr. T. Haggett
PRESIDENT	:	Mr. G. Parry
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	:	Mr. A. Rudgley
VICE PRESIDENTS	:	Messrs: E. Howard, D. Tribolet P. Perkins, E. Burgin, C. Tucker
HON. SECRETARY	:	J. Ross
ASS. HON. SECRETARY/SOCIAL SEC.	:	T. Suchy
HON. TREASURER	:	P. Mooney
HON. AUDITOR	:	P. Perkins
DELEGATE TO A.L.S.C.S.	:	E. Howard
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	:	Messrs: R. Johnson, H.Harrison, P. Stutchbury, B. Moore, K. Collins
PROV. SELECTION COMMITTEE	:	Messrs: J. Ross, D. Tribolet, T. Suchy, H. Harrison, P. Mooney
LIFE MEMBERS	:	J. Whitford, T. Haggett, G. Parry

1973-74 FINANCIAL PLAYING MEMBERS

Ken Bakon	Steve Gerrard	Peter Mooney
John Berry	Don Gillard	David Noyes
Max Bowan	Bob Hadley	Pat Percey
Ken Collins	Hilton Harrison	Lindsay Rees
Tony Duggan	Ian Johnson	John Ross
Vic Elliott	Noel Johnson	Arthur Rudgley
Steve Finch	Ron Johnson	Wal Shepherd
Jude Findlay	Steve King	Garry Simmons
Lyle Fry	Paul Leacy	Alan Smee
Phil Gain	Bob Lester	Paul Stutchbury
Collin Gentles	Felix Molski	Ted Suchy
Ray Gentles	Brian Moore	Dave Tribolet
David Veigel		Garry Wade



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen, the season 1973/74 saw the Club win its first competition in ten years by taking the minor premiership in C grade. In addition, it was the first occasion on which any premiership success had been attained in other than A grade.

Although the semi final was lost this did not detract from a fine performance by a young side ably lead by Peter Mooney. One cannot emphasis too much the disability of having the travel to each and every game by the inability to provide a home ground for C grade playing fixtures.

It is also pleasing to report that the A grade side also reached the semi finals and it was certainly a disappointment to see them beaten in a low scoring match where semi final nerves seemed to be the only real winner in the contest.

On behalf of the Club I would like to congratulate the following Clubs on their competition victories.

A grade - Epping  
 B grade - Wentworthville  
 C grade - Lane Cove No. 2  
 Club Champions - Wentworthville

While it is not my practice to nominate in this report individual performances, which are recorded elsewhere, I cannot let the opportunity slip by of congratulating Arthur Rudgley on securing his five hundredth wicket for the Club. Arthur is one of the very few contemporaries of mine still turning out regularly and his wholehearted service to the Club over a number of years is greatly appreciated.

It was my pleasure to recently attend the prize giving function of the Junior Association where Colin Gentles received the trophy as the Player of the Year. His performances both in junior cricket on Saturday morning with the Shire Club in the afternoon and his representative honours do the Club proud.

The greatest disappointment is of course the failure to make any headway with the Council in the matter of securing a second turf wicket in the Auburn Municipality. At one stage, the then Mayor announced that there seemed little doubt that a new turf wicket would become a reality but subsequently little headway could be made with the Council. In fact at the date of writing this report the Council has not officially informed the Club of the current situation.

I sincerely hope that the New South Wales Cricket Association will allow the C grade side, who were Premiers last year, to continue in the competition and that renewed efforts can be made by the Club to secure the extra wicket.

One cannot help to be amazed that a Municipality such as Auburn can provide only one turf wicket when other Municipalities are able to sustain full competitions on turf wickets within their area.

In conclusion, I trust that the Club will continue to prosper, to play the game in a truly sporting manner and that victories will regularly come our way.

George Parry  
PRESIDENT

5th June, 1974.

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REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1973-74

Gentlemen,

Your Committee submits with pleasure this 23rd Annual Report and Financial Statement for your consideration.

We again entered teams in the "A", "B" and "C" grade competitions conducted by the N.S.W. Cricket Association and the results of these competitions were as follows:

"A" DIVISION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.	Epping	60 * Semi Finalists
2.	Wentworthville	52 *
3.	Auburn-Lidcombe	42 *
4.	Lane Cove	34 *
5.	Bexley	42
6.	Canterbury	30
7.	Macquarie University	30
8.	Lindfield	30
9.	Burwood	28
10.	Roseville	24
11.	Ryde-Balmain	18
12.	Pennant Hills	6

"B" DIVISION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.	Wentworthville	70 *
2.	Epping	60 *
3.	Burwood	46 *
4.	Ryde-Balmain	44 *
5.	Pennant Hills	44
6.	Canterbury	40
7.	Auburn-Lidcombe	36
8.	Bexley	24
9.	Lindfield	24
10.	Roseville	24
11.	Lane Cove	18
12.	Macquarie University	18

"C" DIVISION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.	Lane Cove II	70 *
2.	Burwood	82 *
3.	Auburn-Lidcombe	72 * Minor Premiers
4.	Epping I	56 *
5.	Epping II	52
6.	Lane Cove I	50
7.	Wentworthville	44
8.	Lindfield	32
9.	Canterbury II	30
10.	Pennant Hills	28
11.	Canterbury I	24
12.	Macquarie University	22



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Wentworthville	662
2.	Epping	660
3.	Auburn	432
4.	Canterbury	416
5.	Burwood	398
6.	Bexley	336
7.	Ryde-Balmain	328
8.	Lindfield	300
9.	Lane Cove	294
10.	Macquarie University	270
11.	Roseville	264
12.	Pennant Hills	256

COMPETITION WINNERS

Our sincere congratulations are extended to the following clubs for their successful season:

"A" Grade Premiers	- Epping
"A" Grade Minor Premiers	- Epping
"A" Grade Runners Up	- Wentworthville
"B" Grade Premiers	- Wentworthville
"B" Grade Minor Premiers	- Wentworthville
"B" Grade Runners Up	- Epping
"C" Grade Premiers	- Lane Cove II
"C" Grade Minor Premiers	- <u>AUBURN</u>
"C" Grade Runners Up	- Burwood

Club Champions - Wentworthville

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Management Committee held 7 meetings this season:

Attendances:	G. Parry	6
	J. Ross	7
	A. Rudgley	6
	T. Suchy	6
	P. Mooney	4
	H. Harrison	2
	E. Howard	5
	B. Moore	5
	P. Stutchbury	7
	R. Johnson	4
	K. Collins	3

## N.S.W. CRICKET ASSOCIATION

We again express our appreciation to Mr. Alan Barnes, Miss Howard and the staff of the N.S.W. Cricket Association for their assistance throughout the season.

## CRICKETERS CLUB OF N.S.W.

Again this season the Cricketers Club of NSW generously sponsored the playing fees of two young players. The recipients for 1973-74 season were Phil Gane and Collin Gentles and on behalf of these players and the club we express our thanks.

## THANKS

Our sincere thanks to the Auburn Baseball Club and Secretary-Manager Stan Hoddinett for the use of the club for our meetings.

Also our thanks to two of our Vice Presidents Eric Howard and Charlie Tucker for their assistance at Mona Park.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our social programme this year consisted of the following:

- (a) Pre-season 'Bar-B-Q' at Arthur Rudgley's home
- (b) A's V's B's cricket match and 'Bar-B-Q' on the long weekend in January.
- (c) 'End of Season' dinner held at the Baseball Club.

## "GEORGE PARRY" PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The "George Parry" Player of the Year for 1973-74 is Felix Molski with 40 points.

The leading point scorers were:

F. Molski	40	J. Findlay	31
B. Moore	39	T. Suchy	30
R. Johnson	38	L. Rees	30
J. Ross	32		

## TROPHY WINNERS

Our congratulations to the following players who were the Trophy Winners for the season:

Batting Aggregate	-	T. Suchy
Batting Average	-	T. Suchy
Bowling Aggregate	-	D. Gillard
Bowling Average	-	A. Smee
Fielding Award	-	J. Findlay

Details as follows:

Batting: (Minimum of 10 innings and 300 runs)

<u>Aggregate:</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
Ted Suchy	16	2	441	31.5
Peter Mooney	19	5	426	30.42

Average:

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Peter Mooney	19	5	426	30.42

Bowling: (Minimum of 20 wickets)

<u>Average:</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mnds.</u>	<u>Wcks.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
A. Smee	*		31	302	9.74
F. Molski	162.1	40	41	464	10.13
B. Moore	116	18	32	350	10.9
D. Gillard	*		48	603	12.56
C. Gentles	140	34	32	433	13.53
J. Berry	117.3	12	30	409	13.63

## Bowling (Cont'd)

\* Owing to the 'C' grade score book being lost during the season these figures are incomplete.

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D. Gillard	*		48	603	12.56
F. Molski	162.1	40	41	464	10.13
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Fielding Award

J. Findlay	44	S. Finch	29
J. Ross	35	F. Molski	29
P. Mooney	29		

AUBURN-LIDCOMBE SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1974

RECEIPTS

<u>1972-73</u>		<u>1973-74</u>
\$		\$   ¢
633	Net Balance brought forward 1.7.73	631.92
536	Cricket Fees	616.00
134	Net proceeds of Competition Tickets	140.40
80	Grant from NSW Cricket Association	80.00
4	Sale of Cricket Caps	-
16	Donations	15.00
17	Bank Interest	16.52
<u>\$1420</u>		<u>\$1499.84</u>

EXPENDITURE

<u>1972-73</u>		<u>1973-74</u>
\$		\$   ¢
421	Cricket Equipment and Repairs	562.34
120	Mona Park rent 73/74	120.00
17	"C" Grade Ground Fees 73/74	8.80
8	Public Risk Insurance	8.00
21	Afternoon teas	22.57
39	Trophies 72/73	40.05
29	Purchase of Cricket Caps	43.20
20	Secretarial and miscellaneous expenses	25.80
20	Annual Meeting Costs 72/73	25.00
73	Costs of Annual Report 72/73	65.40
-	Buffet Dinner Loss	21.00
20	Donation	-
632	Net Balance carried forward 30.6.74	557.68
<u>\$1420</u>		<u>\$1499.84</u>

P. Mooney  
Hon. Treasurer



## "A" GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I would like to preface my report on the A grade by making some general comments on all three grades.

When looking objectively at the results of the vital matches at the end of the season, that is the semi-finals for A and C grades and round II V's Epping for the B grade, one factor stands out as the main reason for each teams failure to win those matches. The inconsistency of our recognised batsmen. Statistics show that over the season only two batsmen scored over 300 runs. Plainly, this is just not good enough, especially when we know the talent we have in our club. I can only put the batting failure down to one thing, absence from the practice nets.

Gentlemen, we have the facilities at our disposal, lets use them in 1974-75 and win ourselves some premiership caps.

I would like to congratulate the Epping A grade team for achieving what for us is a frustrated ambition.

We finished 3rd in the competition, again being defeated by Wentworthville in the semi-final. How ironical that semi final was for us. Our bowling and fielding efforts were the best the A grade produced all season however all our efforts were in vain as our batsmen could not produce the goods, or should I say runs. Congratulations to our opposition, Wentworthville, who never gave up hope of victory.

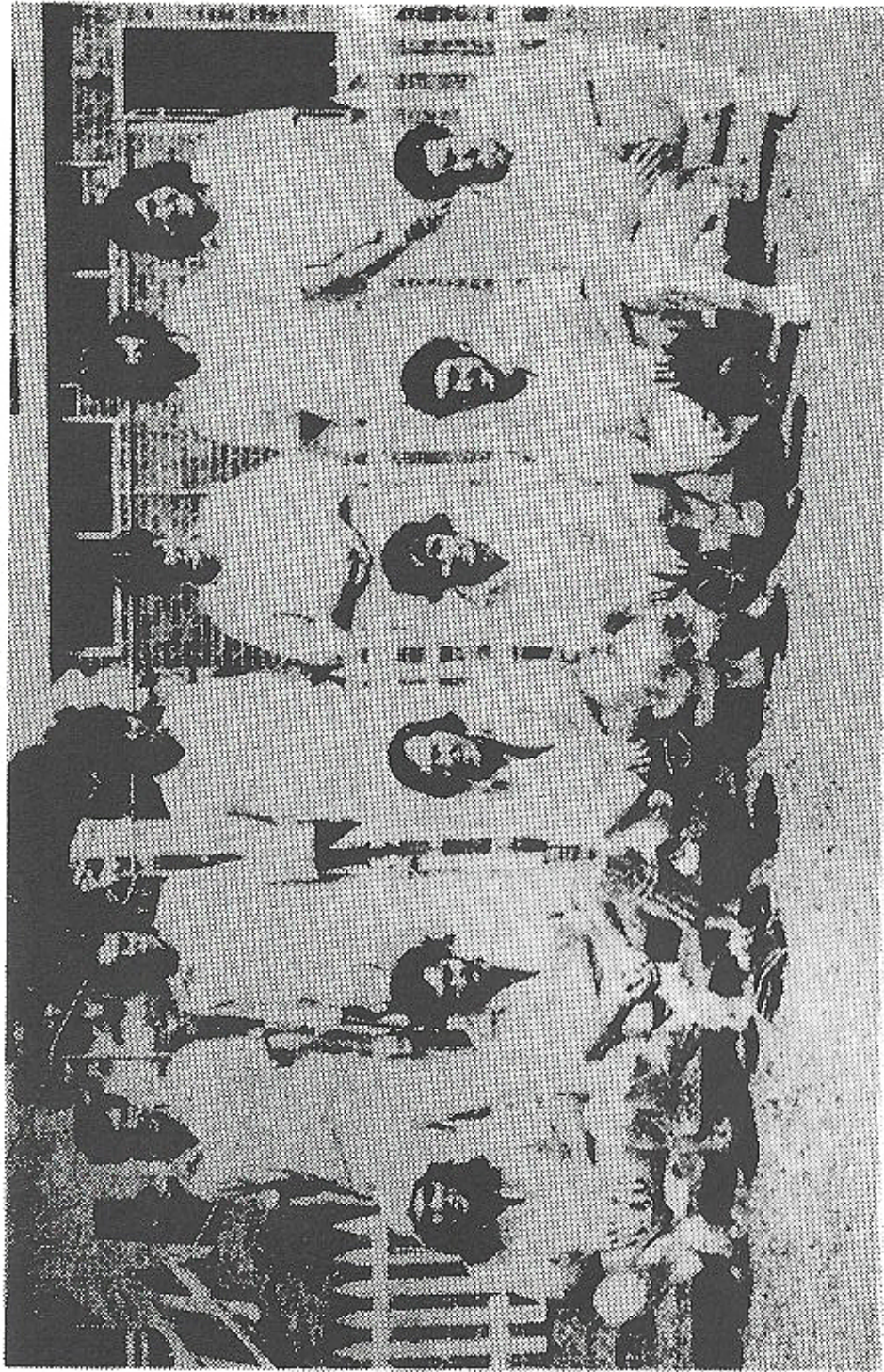
Overall I feel this was the A's best season for some time. We are establishing a nucleus of experienced players and providing we hold these players together in the one team I feel next season could bring the result we have strived so hard to achieve.

To all players who played A grade this year, thank you for your keenness, co-operation and sportsmanship shown, my job as Captain was made so much more enjoyable.

Thank you to my fellow-selectors for your support and guidance during the season.

John Ross  
Captain





Standing L-R J. Berry, I Johnson, R. Johnson, A. Rudgley,  
F. Molski, S. Gerrard.

Sitting L-R D. Veigel, J. Ross (Capt), K. Collins,  
R. Gentles, T. Suchy, P. Gain.



## THE "A" GRADE PLAYERS

Ted Suchy: (Vice Capt.) A giant amongst us in batsmanship. Ted has been fighting hard the last few seasons to regain the form which saw him set the club record for batting aggregate of 638 runs in 1967-68. It was a great pleasure not only for Ted himself but for every player in the A grade to see him regain that form. Ted's approach to his batting is an example to us all, he punished the bad ball while respecting the good one. Brilliant innings of 92 v's Bexley and 79 v's Macquarie highlighted a wonderful season. Fielding was again of a high standard, always enthusiastic and fast establishing a reputation as a 'run out' specialist. Ted, your support shown me as Vice Captain was very much appreciated. Congratulations on a fine season.

Felix Molski: The 'Supercricketer' of Auburn. One does not see very often a player get as much enjoyment from the game as Felix. A tremendous amount of effort goes into not only his bowling but fielding as well. By taking 35 wickets in A grade this season Felix has 'come of age' with his bowling and now commands the respect of every batsman in A grade. His fielding, catching and returns to the wicket merited commendation through-out the season. He emerged as a batsman of some potential with a match-winning innings of 24 against Canterbury.

Ron Johnson: Ron's 231 runs and 31 wickets were a valuable contribution to the success of the team. Not as successful as Ron would have hoped however his enthusiastic approach and fighting qualities are always a welcome sight when the team strikes trouble. His fielding this season was the best we have seen from Ron and he took some fine catches.

Ian Johnson: Not a good season for Ian. Luck did not go his way and although Ian didn't bowl as well as he is capable of many catches were missed. His batting shows much potential but lacks application. Fielding was up to his usually high standard.

Ken Collins: Ken had one of those seasons in which he just could not get started. However, he proved in 1972-73 that he has the ability to score plenty of runs in A grade and I'm sure that with plenty of practice Ken will be in there fighting in 74-75. He fielded excellently at all times.

Steve Gerrard: A batsman of considerable ability but so much out of form. All batsmen experience this during their early seasons with a new club. Again I stress the importance of practice. Steve is a dedicated cricketer and will be back on top next season.

John Berry: John emerged as a real threat to slow-footed batsmen with his 'off-spinners'. He achieved great control of length and direction. As with all good spinners, the longer he bowls the wilier he becomes. John should go from strength to strength. Fielded well throughout the season and always gave me his full support. Much appreciated John.

Ray Gentles: Ray must have been happy with his batting overall last season, scoring 230 runs at 28.75. His form in A grade was a little disappointing and I feel that if Ray is to improve he will have to show more aggression at the crease. His fielding was not as consistent as expected however took some fine catches.

Dave Viegel: Dave must realise that if he is to hold his position in A grade he will have to be a little more dedicated. Has the potential to open the batting but lacks practice. Some excellent fielding during the season.

Dave Noyes: Started the season in brilliant fashion but when his form fell away so did his interest. Will have to dedicate himself more to the game and the club next year to succeed.

Lyle Fry: Lyle returned to the club after a few seasons absence. Although he did not have a successful season in A grade Lyle has an enormous amount of class and next season will see him bag a whole lot of runs.

Arthur Rudgley: Arthur did not have one of his most successful seasons. His bag of 26 wickets was nevertheless a valuable contribution. Fielding was of a high standard. It was a great thrill to see Arthur obtain his 500th wicket and he now joins our President George Parry as the only players in the history of the club to achieve this feat. Congratulations Arthur, you must be very proud to have achieved this.

Finally my thanks to Wal Shepherd, Lindsay Rees, Phil Gain, Bob Hadley Vic Elliott and Col Gentles for their contribution during the season.

John Ross: Having served his "apprenticeship" under the talented Hilton Harrison, John took over the "reins" of the A grade during 73-74 with the unenviable task of emulating the performances of his predecessor. John almost went one better, as it was through no fault on his part that Auburn A's did not play in the final.

His leadership and tactical skills are developing more with each match and without doubt will be first class in the next few seasons.

John's personal personal performances once again were highly creditable with some fine "knocks" and reliable keeping - equalling his own record of catches taken. Also a dedicated and enthusiastic club man.

Ted Suchy (Vice Captain)



"A" GRADE AVERAGES 1973-74BATTING

Name	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average	Catches
D. Noyes	7	2	72*	184	36.8	1
T. Suchy	16	2	92	441	31.5	8
R. Johnson	12	2	58*	231	23.1	8
J. Ross	14	1	39	250	19.2	1s32
R. Gentles	7	2	38	81	16.2	1
I. Johnson	12	3	29	119	13.2	12
L. Fry	8	1	22	83	11.9	2
F. Molski	6	1	24	57	11.4	6
D. Veigel	7	1	37	68	11.3	2
K. Collins	10	1	32*	82	9.1	4
A. Rudgley	6	2	13	30	7.5	5
S. Gerrard	7	-	20	40	5.7	-
J. Berry	11	5	12*	33	5.5	4

Also Batted: W. Shepherd 2/24, L Rees 6/50, P. Gain 2/4,  
R. Hadley 2/1, V. Elliott 1/0

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
F. Molski	130.1	32	362	35	10.3
V. Elliott	22.5	1	121	8	15.1
J. Berry	86.3	7	323	20	16.2
R. Johnson	159.1	22	553	31	17.8
A. Rudgley	144.3	16	470	26	18.1
P. Gain	6.5	-	42	2	21.0
I. Johnson	100.6	11	375	11	34.1
R. Hadley	33.3	6	105	3	35.0

Also Bowled: C. Gentles 0/11, T. Suchy 0/12, L. Fry 0/15.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCESBATTING

D. Noyes	72*	v's	Roseville
T. Suchy	92	v's	Bexley
D. Noyes	68	v's	Bexley
T. Suchy	79	v's	Macquarie Uni.
R. Johnson	58*	v's	Canterbury

BOWLING

R. Johnson	5/33	v's	Roseville
F. Molski	6/6	v's	Burwood
F. Molski	5/23	v's	Lindfield
F. Molski	6/35	v's	W'worthville
J. Berry	5/34	v's	W'worthville

"A" GRADE STATISTICS 1951-52 - 1973-74Centuries: (28)

G. Parry	6	D. Corbett	1
D. Perkins	5	B. Rae	1
R. Hall	4	L. Howard	1
N. Matthews	2	R. Cassell	1
M. Parry	1	T. Briscoe	1
W. Balfour	1	P. Wood	1
L. Marks	1	T. Suchy	1
K. Lee	1		

Most Runs in Season:

T. Suchy	638
	1967-68

Best Average:

<u>Batting:</u>	G. Parry 56.4
	1959-60

Bowling:

N. Black	7.0
	1955-56

Most Catches in Season:

J. Ross	32	1973-74	(W.K.)
W. Balfour	21	1957-58	

Most Dismissals:

J. Ross	32C	2st	34	1972-73
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Most Wickets in Season:

G. Parry	66	1956-57
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Team Scores:

Highest:	for	377	v's	Roseville 1964-65
	against	329	v's	Wentworthville 1973-74
Lowest:	for	37	v's	Lindfield 1972-73
	against	20	v's	Burwood (final) 1961-62

BEST PARTNERSHIP FOR EACH WICKET

1st	G. Parry	&	A. Perkins	153	v's	Roseville	1953-54
2nd	G. Parry	&	A. Ingleby	180	v's	Canterbury	1956-57
3rd	G. Parry	&	B. Rae	229	v's	Lane Cove	1959-60
4th	G. Parry	&	L. Howard	178	v's	Roseville	1958-59
5th	L. Marks	&	L. Fry	167	v's	Burwood	1968-69
6th	G. Parry	&	W. Balfour	179	v's	Ryde	1957-58
7th	R. Johnson	&	S. Gerrard	106	v's	Wentworthville	1971-72
8th	R. Hall		C. Smithers	141	v's	Sutherland	1962-63
9th	R. Hall		C. Howard	98	v's	Canterbury	1964-65
10th	R. Cassell		H. Harrison	107	v's	Burwood	1964-65

"B" GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

The 1973-74 season for the B's was a most encouraging one if not as rewarding as it should have been.

It was generally felt that we were unfortunate not to have made the semi-finals as we won 6 out of the 7 games completed and were in definite winning positions in the matches against Bexley and Ryde, but rain ruined our chances. Not until the last match against Epping were our semi-final chances gone.

Both the batting and bowling performances were of a high standard throughout the season.

The B's were the youngest side in the competition and providing the players stay with the club then they should have a great chance of making the semi finals next season.

Newcomers in Max Bowan, Phil Gain and Jude Findlay are valuable assets to the club and will have a big hand in the oncoming season.

It is with regret that Col Gentles is leaving the club to play Grade next year as he was the spearhead of the B's attack. The club's best wishes go with you Col and it is hoped that your ability gets the chances it deserves.

Sincere thanks to all players who participated in the B's and gave full co-operation at all times. The team's will to win attitude was very satisfying and much appreciated. It is hoped that all players in the B's enjoyed the season as much as myself.

Finally, many thanks to John Ross and Paul Stutchbury for their off-field assistance to me throughout the season.

Brian Moore  
Captain.

## THE "B" GRADE PLAYERS

Jude Findlay: (Vice Captain) A newcomer to the club, Jude had an excellent season behind the stumps and in general was a great asset to the side. Whilst his wicket keeping was first class his batting could have been a lot better with more application as he undoubtedly has the ability to get amongst the runs. His assistance to me as V.C. was of real benefit and very much appreciated. Congratulations to Jude for equalling the B grade record for the most number of catches in the season and for winning the fielding award.

Steve Finch: Steve had a reasonable season with the bat and he too with more concentration at the crease should have a better year in 74-75. Always showed keenness in the field and one of the top fieldsmen in the side, held a great catch at short cover off a blazing cover drive against Pennant Hills early on in the season.

Lindsay Rees: Lindsay had a good season with the bat averaging 25.5 in B grade. A dashing type of opening batsman who is likely to get the better of any attack and made a number of aggressive starts. His fielding was generally of a high standard. Called upon to bowl off-spinners at various times throughout the season, Lindsay did reasonably well, his best figures being 4/62 against Lane Cove. A good team player.

Phil Gain: Phil's first season with the club and also his first season on turf so he should be a better player next season for such. Has the ability to be a top class batsman and with more application and concentration at the crease next season will find himself with a more deserving aggregate. A hard hitting knock of 55 against Bexley and a well compiled 32 against Macquarie Uni were his best scores. Very good first change bowler and also called upon to open the attack. Phil shows the promise of being a top all-rounder for the club. Fielding was excellent standard throughout the season.

Vic Elliott: Another newcomer to the club, Vic bowled well at times especially against Ryde although didn't get the wickets he deserved that game. With concentrated direction would have undoubtedly got more wickets than he did for the season. Maybe a shorter run-up next season could help this. Could have shown more keenness in the field Vic.



Col Gentles: Head of the pace attack for the B's and had an excellent season capturing 32 wickets and was equal leading wicket-taker for the B's. Often bowled with surprising pace and varied his attack with a clever 'slower' ball. Col was called upon to bowl for lengthy spells at times and did so in a very keen manner. Showed glimpses of 'class' with the bat but more often than not was out to the 'unplayable' ball. Could have been more attentive in the field.

Max Bowan: First year with the club and showed outstanding maturity for first season on turf. Promoted to B's Max opened the batting and was an instant success with scores of 61 and 73 against Lane Cove and Canterbury respectively, finished with an average of 28. It would do more seasoned players a lot of good to take note of his concentration at the crease. His long innings had a major part in keeping the B's hopes alive for the semi finals. Fielding was always very good.

Ken Collins: Ken only had a few games in the B's scoring a good 73 against Lindfield. A solid hard hitting type of batsman who has the ability to get much higher aggregate than he did this year and a more rewarding season is hoped for in 1974-75. His fielding was of a very high standard in the B's and always showed keenness to chase the ball. A good team player.

Steve Gerrard: Steve too only had a few games in the B's, his best score being 52 against Lindfield. Fielding always reliable and an asset to any side.

Wal Shepherd: Wal alternated between the 3 grades for the season, his best score in B's being a very valuable 27 against Canterbury. Wal's fielding was first class as in previous seasons.

Bob Hadley: Another player with only a few games in the B's. Bob's performance against Ryde with the ball was excellent, 17 overs, 3 for 16. He undoubtedly has the ability to be a very good all-rounder and only needs more application when batting to obtain this.

Lyle Fry: Only had one game in the B's and this turned out to be a match winning 101 not out for him, the only century for the club this season, an excellent performance. A pity he could not have played in more games than he did as he is one of the best bats in the club when in form.

Pat Percey: Pat started late in the season and scored an invaluable 18 against Lane Cove and stayed at the crease whilst 35 match winning runs were scored. With more games under his belt (cricket) would undoubtedly had a more profitable season. Pat is moving to Canberra and best wishes go with him and many thanks for tremendous service to the club over a number of seasons. His fielding was first class and it was very satisfying having a player of his experience in the side.

Brian Moore: Should Moore receive all the credit for wipping his band of talented pups into an efficient team or should the thanks be to 'Gammy Gooneseena', 'Richie Benaud', 'Mike Smith' or the girls from Liverpool Library who located the books written by these greats for Brian?

The B grade's obvious success could be mainly attributed to the fine team effort, inspired leadership and dilligent Captaincy.

A semi final berth would have been just reward however, mother nature had other ideas and he saw many winning chances lost by rain.

Brian set a great example on and off the field for his younger and lessor experienced players to follow. His 'all time' best bowling figures of 7/33 at Lindfield was in inspiring effort, one of many during the season. Not only was it a great season for him with his 'left-arm donkey-drops' but once again he showed that he can be a force to be reckoned with 'wheeling the willow' anywhere in the batting order.

Although his field placing could have been slightly more deliberated upon, especially against Ryde where casualties were experienced his strategy generally paid dividends.

All in all, 'hooks' should be extremely satisfied with his 'virgin' effort at leadership.

Auburn should again have a happy B grade with Mr. Moore at the wheel in 1974-75.

Jude Findlay (Vice Captain)

"B" GRADE AVERAGES 1973-74BATTING

Name	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Average	Catches
R. Gentles	5	2	106	35.3	6
M. Bowan	7	-	196	28.0	3
L. Rees	8	1	179	25.5	2
D. Veigel	7	1	153	25.5	3
B. Moore	10	3	151	21.5	3
W. Shepherd	7	1	106	17.6	3
S. Finch	13	1	181	15.0	3
P. Percey	7	1	83	13.8	2
P. Gain	10	-	125	12.5	2
J. Findlay	14	1	116	8.9	17 8St.

ALSO BATTED

E. Viitala 3/11, F. Molski 2/34, P. Stutchbury 5/42, J. Berry 1/22, S. Gerrard 3/66, V. Elliott 10/55, R. Hadley 3/30, A. Smee 2/1, C. Gentles 9/39, B. Lester 6/48, L. Fry 1/101, K. Collins 2/89, G. Simmons 1/1, P. Mooney 1/2.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. Moore	116	18	350	32	10.9
C. Gentles	137	34	422	32	13.1
V. Elliott	94	24	260	18	14.4
L. Rees	47	1	162	8	20.2
P. Gain	83	19	221	10	22.1

ALSO BOWLED

F. Molski 6/102, J. Berry 10/86, P. Stutchbury 2/74, R. Hadley 6/113, A. Smee 1/21, W. Shepherd 0/10, D. Veigel 0/13, G. Simmons 0/10, D. Noyes 0/7, P. Percey 1/28, S. Finch 0/2, B. Tribolet 3/32.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCESBATTING

L. Rees	58	v's	Lindfield
D. Veigel	73	v's	Bexley
R. Gentles	58*	v's	Roseville
P. Gain	55	v's	Bexley
S. Gerrard	52	v's	Lindfield
L. Fry	101*	v's	Macquarie Uni.
K. Collins	73	v's	Lindfield
M. Bowan	61	v's	Lane Cove
M. Bowan	73	v's	Canterbury

BOWLING

C. Gentles	5/16	v's	Roseville
C. Gentles	5/11	v's	Pennant Hills
C. Gentles	4/16	v's	Macquarie Uni.
B. Moore	7/33	v's	Lindfield
B. Moore	4/46	v's	Lane Cove
P. Gain	4/39	v's	Canterbury
V. Elliott	4/40	v's	Pennant Hills
L. Rees	4/62	v's	Lane Cove

"B" GRADE STATISTICS FROM 1954-55CENTURIES

D. Noyes	2
P. Perkins	1
R. Hadley	1
P. Percy	1
G. Brazier	1
K. Griffiths	1
P. Wood	1
T. Matthysz	1
J. Liddle	1
N. Lewis	1
L. Fry	1

MOST RUNS IN SEASON

K. Griffiths - 617 (1964-65)

BEST AVERAGE (BATTING)

J. Scorgie 64.2 (1965-66)

MOST WICKETS IN SEASON

A. Rudgley 67 (1965-66)

BEST AVERAGE (BOWLING)

D. Tribolet 8.8 (1972-73)

HAT TRICKS

K. Woodcroft 1965-66

S. Holmes 1967-68

TEAM SCORES

Highest for	6/406	v's	Lane Cove	1964-64
Highest against	372	v's	Lindfield	1968-69
Lowest for	21	v's	Epping	1970-71
Lowest against	24	v's	Roseville	1965-66

MOST CATCHES IN SEASON

(W.K.) K. Griffiths 1964-65, J. Findlay 1973-74 - 17,  
D. Tribolet 16 1968-69.

BEST PARTNERSHIP FOR EACH WICKET

1st	P. Perkins	&	D. Noyes	178	Epping	1968-69
2nd	P. Perkins	&	K. Griffiths	136	Lane Cove	1964-65
3rd	G. Willmott	&	J. Liddle	113	Lindfield	1956-57
4th	P. Wood	&	R. Wheatley	133	Roseville	1966-67
5th	P. Perkins	&	P. Percey	116	Bexley	1968-69
6th	P. Percey	&	R. Holmes	153	Bexley	1966-67
7th	R. Turnbull	&	W. Shepherd	99	Lindfield	1968-69
8th	N. Day	&	M. Bell	82	Sutherland	1961-62
9th	N. Day	&	K. Gough	108	Sutherland	1964-65
10th	N. Day	&	A. Rudgley	92	Sutherland	1964-65



## "C" GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I am pleased to be able to present this C grade Captain's report at a time when the team won the Minor Premiership for the very first time. The season was indeed a very successful one and I would like to thank all the players for their faith in me and the way in which they approached the game. The team was a blend of youth and experience and this, added to the bleeding of a few players last year, formed the basis of an enjoyable season.

To the eventual winners of the competition, Lane Cove II, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations, for they proved to be a pleasure to play against. "Dad's Army", as they are better known, were far superior to us in the semi final and beat us convincingly by an innings.

To the "A" and "B" grade sides I would also like to offer my congratulations for their performances throughout the season and to the Captains of the "A" and "B" grade teams I am indebted for their help and guidance.

Peter Mooney  
Captain

### THE "C" GRADE PLAYERS

Paul Stutchbury (Vice Captain) A right hand all-rounder, Paul switched to wicket-keeping midway through the season and performed an excellent job. A keen player with the team at heart and my personal thanks are due to him for his assistance throughout the season.

Alan Smee. A right hand all-rounder, Alan unexpectedly failed with the bat, yet he more than made up with excellent bowling performances on many occasions. One of the club's finest fieldsmen.

Garry Wade. Having his second season with the club, Garry is improving with age and is a steady right hand opening batsman. Scored consistently early in the season and occasionally helped out with his right arm slowies.

Don Gillard. A right arm opening bowler, Don was obviously the backbone of our opening bowling attack. A tireless worker with a heart as big as gold, Don's performances were largely responsible for the team having such a successful season. A job well done, congratulations Don.

Ken Bakon. In his first season with the club, Ken did not have a successful season with his right arm fast bowling, but we can expect greater things from him next year.

Steve King. Steve had a mixed season - after concentrating on batting this year, he did manage a couple of good scores but usually seemed to be the unlucky player who was out to the freakish catch, etc. A very good fieldsman.

Garry Simmons. A right arm opening bowler, Garry turned in some good figures early in the season, but unfortunately his unavailability later in the season took its toll. A reliable fieldsman and good team man.

Paul Leacy. A right hand opening batsman, Paul had a season he would rather forget. Although rather consistent early in the season, his form lapsed at the wrong time. A handy fieldsman and good club man (with the emphasis on club).

Noel Johnson. Right arm opening bowler, Noel was one of the fastest bowlers in the competition and one of the best, but unfortunately his figures do not relate a true indication of his ability - often he obtained wickets for the bowler at the other end.

Bob Lester. A new player to the club, Bob was rewarded with his consistent batting by being promoted to "B" grade until the latter part of the season, but unfortunately his experience in "B" grade did not help when big things were expected of him in the semis. A useful fieldsman, keen club man and sure to see more of him next year.

Esco Viitala. Another newcomer, it was expected Esco would have a good season with his steady right hand batting, but statistics do not reveal such. Next year will see a different story.

Tony Duggan. Also having his first season with the club, Tony ended the season as one of the success stories of the year. A middle order

right hand batsman, Tony improved with every match and was one of the few to get going in the semi final - a rarity because wedding bells did not see him lose form (in cricket, that is).

My thanks are extended also to other players who participated in the "C" grade during the season, namely Wal Shepherd, Hilton Harrison, Max Bowan, Les Wilson, Leo Mooney, Peter Russell, Brett Tribolet, Dave Tribolet, Ray Gentles, Col Gentles and Jude Findlay.

Peter Mooney  
Captain

Peter Mooney. Congratulations to Peter in achieving a Minor Premiership win for the "C" grade - the first in the club's history. Peter led his side admirably and instilled in it great team spirit. His own performance with the bat was his best, scoring 426 at 30.43. A wonderful effort Peter.

John Ross

"C" GRADE AVERAGES 1973-74BATTING

Name	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average	Catches
P. Mooney	19	5	72*	424	30.28	14
T. Duggan	14	4	42	246	24.6	4
S. King	13	3	72*	195	19.5	3
R. Lester	8	1	33	134	19.14	1
M. Bowan	7	2	26*	94	18.8	3
G. Wade	17	-	46	249	14.65	2
G. Simmons	6	-	48	71	14.2	3
E. Viitala	6	-	42	83	13.83	1
P. Leacey	16	-	47	201	12.56	5
N. Johnson	8	5	12*	28	9.33	1
P. Stutchbury	11	1	26	89	8.9	6
A. Smee	8	-	23	42	5.25	12
D. Gillard	9	1	8	28	3.5	4
W. Shepherd	5	2	54*	112	37.33	2

ALSO BATTED

H. Harrison 5/42, K. Bacon 3/18, J. Findlay 1/31, L. Wilson 1/14,  
R. Gentles 1/43, D. Tribolet 1/0, B. Tribolet 2/15, C. Gentles 1/15.

BOWLING

Name	Wickets	Runs	Average
A. Smee	30	281	9.37
D. Gillard	48	603	12.56
G. Simmons	18	230	12.78
G. Wade	10	128	12.8
W. Shepherd	3	43	14.33
H. Harrison	8	123	15.38
N. Johnson	18	347	19.28
K. Bacon	6	199	33.17

ALSO BOWLED

T. Duggan 1/15, S. King 1/45, L. Wilson 1/36, P. Mooney 4/34,  
D. Tribolet 4/25, B. Tribolet 2/20, C. Gentles 4/47, P. Stutchbury  
0/16, L. Mooney 0/25.

"C" GRADE STATISTICS FROM 1964-65CENTURIES

P. Perkins 1

HAT TRICKS

G. Simmons 1964-65

S. Greentree 1964-65

K. Williams 1965-66

MOST CATCHES IN SEASON

P. Perkins (W.K.) 24 (1966-67)

D. Tribolet 22 (1966-67)

TEAM SCORES

Highest for 259 v's Lindfield 1964-65

Highest against 338 v's Nth. Districts 1965-66

Lowest for 38 v's Randwick 1965-66

Lowest against 19 v's Mosman 1965-66

BEST PARTNERSHIP FOR EACH WICKET

1st	P. Leacey	&	J. Khalifeh	151	v's	Canterbury	1971-72
2nd	M. Young	&	P. Mooney	78	v's	Canterbury	1968-69
3rd	P. Percey	&	P. James	77	v's	Sutherland	1964-65
4th	D. Tribolet	&	D. Reynolds	130	v's	Lane Cove	1964-65
5th	D. Tribolet	&	K. James	134	v's	Uni of NSW	1964-65
6th	P. Percey	&	N. Lamont	81	v's	Epping II	1972-73
7th	P. Klein	&	P. Simon	74	v's	Uni of NSW	1971-72
8th	K. James	&	G. Berry	47	v's	St. George	1966-67
9th	S. King	&	P. Russell	72	v's	Macquarie Uni	1972-73
10th	B. Clifton	&	J. Reynolds	42	v's	Uni of NSW	1969-70

MOST RUNS IN SEASON

P. Perkins - 437 (1966-67)

BEST AVERAGE (BATTING)

D. Reynolds - 40.3 (1964-65)

MOST WICKETS IN SEASON

K. Williams - 80 (1966-67)

BEST AVERAGE (BOWLING)

K. Chevell - 7.8 (1966-67)

AUBURN LIDCOMBE SHIRE CRICKET CLUBBOWLERS : 500 CLUB

Bowlers who have taken 500 or more wickets for the club.

	"A"	"B"	"C"	TOTAL	AVGE	CATCHES
George Parry	613	-	-	613	12.03	150
Arthur Rudgley	326	195	-	521	15.79	54

BATSMEN : 3000 CLUB

Batsmen who have scored 3000 or more runs for the club

	"A"	"B"	"C"	TOTAL	AVGE	CATCHES
George Parry	6365	-	3	6368	30.47	150
Phil Perkins	348	2969	503	3820	14.69	87
Bill Balfour	3417	7	-	3424	21.53	126
Don Perkins	3290	-	-	3290	29.64	35

PRESENT PLAYERS RECORDS - BATSMEN1000 RUNS

BATSMAN	SEASON	"A"	"B"	"C"	TOTAL	AVGE	CATCHES
Ted Suchy	8	2789	102	-	2891	20.79	61
Peter Mooney	9	-	915	1773	2688	18.28	75
Pat Percey	10	617	1549	431	2597	20.94	70
Dave Tribolet	20	29	2152	408	2589	11.87	175
Dave Noyes	9	1392	941	105	2438	20.14	40
Wal Shepherd	9	35	1377	623	2035	19.75	55
John Ross	5	1556	155	19	1730	19.65	121
Paul Leacy	9	-	72	1426	1498	14.83	22
Ron Johnson	6	872	460	114	1446	21.58	28
Bob Hadley	10	386	1046	-	1432	16.84	58
Ray Gentles	7	703	163	556	1422	18.96	35
Hilton Harrison	13	1247	100	59	1406	14.34	63
Dave Veigel	5	224	695	202	1121	16.73	30



BOWLERS100 WICKETS

BOWLERS	SEASON	"A"	"B"	"C"	TOTAL	AVGE	CATCHES
Arthur Rudgley	12	326	195	-	521	15.79	54
Dave Tribolet	20	4	234	49	287	16.32	175
Hilton Harrison	13	156	12	10	178	17.34	63
Ron Johnson	6	111	55	3	169	13.96	28
Garry Simmons	7	17	70	61	148	16.75	21
John Berry	5	121	21	-	142	18.45	24
Brian Moore	5	5	124	11	140	16.31	22
Don Gillard	3	-	-	122	122	12.38	10
Felix Molski	3	49	50	17	116	14.37	20

## 1973-74 PLAYERS STATISTICS : BATSMEN

	A			B			C			Av.	Catches	
	Inn.	Not Outs	Runs	Inn.	Not Outs	Runs	Inn.	Not Outs	Runs			
												Agg.
K. Bacon	-	-	-	2	-	0	3	1	18	18	4.50	1
J. Berry	11	5	33	1	-	22	-	-	-	55	7.86	6
M. Bowan	-	-	-	7	-	196	7	2	94	290	24.17	7
K. Collins	10	1	82	2	-	89	-	-	-	171	15.55	8
T. Duggan	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	4	246	246	24.60	4
V. Elliott	1	-	0	10	4	55	-	-	-	55	7.86	1
S. Finch	-	-	-	13	1	181	-	-	-	181	15.08	3+1st
J. Findlay	-	-	-	14	1	116	1	-	31	147	10.50	18+7st
L. Fry	8	1	83	1	1	101	-	-	-	184	26.29	2
P. Gain	2	-	4	10	-	125	-	-	-	129	10.75	3
C. Gentles	1	1	0	9	4	39	1	1	5	44	4.89	1
R. Gentles	7	2	81	5	3	106	1	-	43	230	28.75	7
S. Gerrard	7	-	40	3	-	66	-	-	-	106	10.60	5
D. Gillard	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	28	28	3.50	4
B. Hadley	2	-	1	3	1	30	-	-	-	31	7.75	3
H. Harrison	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	42	42	10.50	2
I. Johnson	12	3	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	119	13.22	12
N. Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	28	28	9.33	1
R. Johnson	12	2	231	-	-	-	-	-	-	231	23.10	8
S. King	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	3	195	195	19.50	3
P. Leacey	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	201	201	12.56	5
B. Lester	-	-	-	6	1	48	8	1	134	182	15.17	3

	A			B			C			Catches		
	Inn.	Not Outs	Runs	Inn.	Not Outs	Runs	Inn.	Not Outs	Runs		Agg.	Av.
F. Molski	6	1	57	2	-	34	-	-	-	91	13.00	7
B. Moore	-	-	-	11	4	151	-	-	-	151	21.57	3
P. Mooney	-	-	-	1	1	2	19	5	424	426	30.43	15
D. Noyes	7	2	184	2	-	0	-	-	-	184	26.29	1
P. Percey	-	-	-	7	1	83	-	-	-	83	13.83	2
L. Rees	6	1	50	8	1	179	-	-	-	229	19.08	6
J. Ross	14	1	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	19.23	32+1st
A. Rudgley	6	2	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	7.50	5
W. Shepherd	2	-	24	7	1	106	5	2	112	242	22.00	5
G. Simmons	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	2	71	72	10.29	3
A. Smee	-	-	-	2	-	1	8	-	42	43	4.30	14
P. Stutchbury	-	-	-	5	-	42	11	1	89	131	8.73	8
T. Suchy	16	2	441	-	-	-	-	-	-	441	31.50	8
B. Tribolet	-	-	-	2	-	0	2	2	15	15	7.50	0
D. Tribolet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	0	0	0
D. Veigel	7	1	68	7	1	154	-	-	-	222	18.50	5
E. Viitala	-	-	-	3	-	11	6	-	83	94	10.44	5
G. Wade	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	249	249	14.65	2
L. Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14	14	14.00	0

## 1973-74 PLAYERS STATISTICS : BOWLERS

Bowler	A				B				C		AGG.		
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	R	W	R	W	AV.
K. Bacon	87	7	323	20	4	1	13	0	199	6	212	6	35.33
J. Berry					32	5	86	10	15	1	409	30	13.63
T. Duggan													15.00
J. Elliott	23	1	121	8	95	24	260	18			381	26	14.65
P. Gain	7	0	42	2	84	19	221	10			263	12	21.92
C. Gentles	3	0	11	0	138	35	422	32	47	4	480	36	13.33
D. Gillard									603	48	603	48	12.56
B. Hadley	34	6	105	3	56	9	113	6			218	9	24.22
H. Harrison									123	8	123	8	15.37
I. Johnson	101	15	375	11							375	11	34.09
N. Johnson									347	18	347	18	19.28
R. Johnson	160	22	553	31					45	1	553	31	17.84
S. King											45	1	45.00
F. Molski	131	32	362	35	32	8	102	6			464	41	11.32
B. Moore					116	18	350	32			350	32	10.94
P. Mooney									34	4	34	4	8.50
P. Percey					6	-	28	1			28	1	28.00
L. Rees					47	1	162	8			162	8	20.25
A. Rudgley	145	16	470	26							470	26	18.08
W. Shepherd					1	-	10	0	43	3	53	3	17.67
G. Simmons					2	-	10	0	230	18	240	18	13.33
A. Smee					8	2	21	1	281	30	302	31	9.74
P. Stutchbury					18	1	74	2	16	0	90	2	45.00
B. Tribolet					6	-	32	3	20	2	52	5	10.40
D. Tribolet									25	4	25	4	6.25
G. Wade									128	10	128	10	12.80
L. Wilson									36	1	36	1	36.00