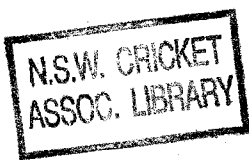

**Hornsby District
Cricket Association**



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Hornsby District Cricket Association

OFFICE-BEARERS 1926-27.

Patron:

T. E. ROFE, Esq.

President:

C. H. SOMERVILLE, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Messrs. A. L. Parker; R. B. Walker, M.L.A.; E. K. Bowden, M.H.R.; A. E. French; H. Fulsig; A. Reid; W. S. Perry; N. H. Cunningham; W. Weekes; S. Storey; C. Thomas; S. O. Miller; E. Simpson; P. Allen; C. Lawson; N. Cashmore; G. Sawyer; F. Enticknap; D. Semple; E. Silverlock.

Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. D. Semple and C. Baigent.

Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. A. H. Mitchell, Florence Street, Hornsby.

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. J. Bates, 36 Campbell Street, Newtown (L 2669)

Executive Committee:

Messrs. C. H. Somerville; A. H. Mitchell; J. Bates; J. Palmer; P. Wall; R. Pollard; H. Duffy; D. Maunder; R. G. Smith.

Delegates to N.S.W. Junior Union:

Messrs. R. G. Smith and J. Bates.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. J. McQuirk; J. Palmer; A. H. Mitchell; P. Mylechrane; and J. Bates.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

Your Executive has pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the past year, being the first year of our activities. The Season proved very successful, thirteen teams participating in the Competition. The standard of play exhibited by some of the teams was very high, but as was believed to be the case at the beginning of the season, the standard set by these teams was out of proportion to that of some of the weaker teams. A keen spirit of rivalry manifested itself early in the season and continued to the end, even by teams who were really outclassed. In this connection it is desired to express the thanks of the Association to these weak teams who manfully battled on throughout the season against far superior odds. During the year it was decided to run two grades next season and we confidently expect more evenly matched games to result.

Mr. C. Thomas, of Hornsby, has kindly donated a Silver Cup for competition in the "B" Grade.

The Competition was won by Normanhurst, who defeated P. A. James in the play-off by four runs, and Normanhurst, by so doing, will be the first team to have its name engraved on the T. E. Rofe Shield. This match was one of the most keenly contested of the season and to the winners we extend our congratulations. P. A. James, who were the runners-up, met some bad luck towards the finish of the competition rounds and up to the last round appeared to have the Competition won, but their defeat only proves that a Cricket Competition is not won until it is finished. The bowling of C. V. Duffy, of Normanhurst, and the batting of C. Kennings, of P. A. James, were features of the season. C. V. Duffy secured 102 wickets for an average of 7.1 and C. Kennings played 12 innings for 691 runs, an average of 57.58. In securing the phenomenal number of wickets he did, C. V. Duffy wins the Association trophy of a Silver Cup for the best bowling average. C. Kennings wins the camera presented by Mr. H. Fulsig for the best batting average. Messrs. Silverlock and Co., of Waitara, have presented each of these players with an order on their firm for one guinea. The most number of catches taken during the season in competition matches was secured by L. H. Best, of Glenorie, who held 17 and thus wins the "Bruce Walker" gold medal.

At the beginning of the season the Association affiliated with the N.S.W. Junior Cricket Union and has been represented at all

the meetings. Owing to lack of interest on the part of players submitting their names for selection it was not possible to play a team in the "Daily Telegraph Shield," but except for the last match a selected representative team was fielded in all the "Martin Shield" matches. The entries for selection for this series were also very scanty and your Selection Committee was hard put on several occasions to field a team standing any chance of victory. It is hoped during the coming season that players will give these representative fixtures more serious consideration. In the match against Gladesville we were beaten by 4 runs; against C.Y.M. we were defeated outright; against Hibernians the game was drawn; and against Northern Districts we won by 4 runs. Taking into consideration the facts stated above and that this is our first season, your Committee consider the effort satisfactory.

PICNIC MATCHES.—One game was played against Northern District combined grade, resulting in a win for our opponents. To them we extend our thanks for the manner in which they offered us this match and also the match at Easter which was spoilt through rain. Matches of this description on turf against players of more seasoned experience are very beneficial to our promising young members. Two matches were played against North Sydney Cricket Association. The first at North Sydney was won by our team and the second, played at Waitara, was won by North Sydney. The Hon. Sec. of North Sydney Association, Mr. Cunningham, gave every assistance to make these matches possible, and to him we extend our thanks.

UMPIRES.—At the beginning of the season the question of Official Umpires for the Competition matches was one your committee was very worried about, but Mr. A. H. Robbins came to our assistance by forming the Hornsby District Umpires Association. This was no easy task and his success in this direction helped the Association more than many members realise. To Mr. Robbins and all those gentlemen who officiated during the season, we extend our sincere thanks and hope that the good work commenced in our initial season will be carried on by the Umpires' Association during future seasons.

Some of the wickets were found to be not in the best condition, but the Association will see that all wickets during future seasons are in safe playing condition before teams are allowed to play thereon. The Hornsby Shire Council cannot see its way clear at present to provide more playing areas, but we are assured that this matter is receiving their close attention and hope to be able to report more favourably in the near future.

At the close of the season it was decided to appoint a Special Committee to revise the rules of the Association. This Committee after lengthy deliberation has formulated a new set of rules which will be put to you for confirmation or otherwise at the Annual Meeting.

The number of Delegate Meetings held throughout the season totalled thirteen. Clubs were represented as under:—

Hornsby Railways 13, Hornsby Waratahs 13, P. A. James 13, Normanhurst 13, Umpires Assn. 13, St. Ives 12, Hornsby

I.O.O.F. 12, Cheltenham 12, Pennant Hills 1, Glenorie 4, Galston 4.

Considering the distances some of the Delegates were compelled to travel, the attendances at these meetings are ample proof of the manner in which they interested themselves in the Association.

All Club Secretaries have very conscientiously carried out their duties so far as the Association is concerned, and we thank them for the interest they have taken.

The Association's financial business was in the capable hands of Mr. A. H. Mitchell, Hon. Treasurer, and it is due to his care and attention that in this, the first season of our existence, the financial statement shows such a healthy credit balance. The only funds we had in hand at the beginning of the season were the kind donations made by the President and Vice-Presidents to whom we are greatly indebted. No functions to raise money during the season were held, the only source of income being subscriptions from clubs for entrance, affiliation and registration fees, and the usual fee for each round played. We are sure you will agree that in view of these circumstances our finances are a credit to your Hon. Treasurer and elected officers.

Correspondence during the season amounted to 267 inwards letters and 759 outwards.

In conclusion, it is desired to express our sincere thanks to all members of the Association for their loyal support during the past season, and we trust that the incoming committee will receive the same assistance in order that the continued prosperity of the Hornsby District Cricket Association may be assured.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. BATES,

Hon. Secretary.



COMPETITION AVERAGES — SEASON 1926-27.

BATTING — 20 AND OVER.

C KENNINGS	P. A. James	57.5
L. H. BEST	Glenorie	36.7
J. WATT	Cheltenham	36.0
C. R. SWAN	Cheltenham	30.4
C. FROST	Pennant Hills	25.3
H. J. CHANNON	Pennant Hills	23.0
J. BLACK	Galston	22.5
C. V. DUFFY	Normanhurst	22.3
J. COPEs	Cheltenham	21.1
V. BOWEN	Railway	20.3
H. MUDIE	St. Ives	20.0

BOWLING — 30 WICKETS AND OVER.

C. V. DUFFY	Normanhurst	102 wickets for	7.1
H. M. BEST	Glenorie	48 " "	7.4
C. FROST	Pennant Hills	62 " "	7.8
H. SINDEL	Cheltenham	48 " "	8.2
G. KNIGHT	St. Ives	65 " "	8.3
W. LUTHERBORROW ..	Normanhurst	78 " "	8.6
H. J. CHANNON	Pennant Hills	68 " "	9.2
R. VEITCH	St. Ives	45 " "	9.9
S. GRANT	Cheltenham	31 " "	11.0
L. H. BEST	Glenorie	33 " "	11.5
W. BROMWICH	Glenorie	57 " "	12.1
H. GARTUNG	Galston	62 " "	8.0

R. Fishburn, of Galston, secured 20 wickets for an average of 3.5

CATCHES.

L. H. BEST	Glenorie	17
P. MYLECHRANE	Pennant Hills	14
S. KNIGHT	Galston	14
R. FISHBURN	Galston	10
W. LUTHERBORROW ..	Normanhurst	10

The best batting scores in representative matches, Martin Shield series, are: C. R. Swan 107 not out, and 67; L. H. Best 48; R. Swan 34; C. Kennings 32.

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Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held in the Masonic Hall, Hornsby, at 8 p.m. on the 12th July, 1927, and you are tendered a cordial invitation.

BUSINESS:

Minutes

Correspondence

Presentation of Annual Report.

Presentation of Financial Statement.

Presentation of Trophies.

Election of Officers for Season 1927-28.

Revision of Rules of the Association.

Any other business that may be brought forward in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

Yours faithfully,

J. BATES,

Hon. Secretary.

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