



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

John Middleton



Circa 1960's

Roles and Honours

Honorary Treasurer	1960-61
Blues Committee	1968-71, 1974-84
Team Captain	A Shires 1961-62,
Premiership Teams	A Shires 1964-65, 1965-66, 1967-68
UNSW Sporting Blue	1961
Captain John Morris Fielding Trophy	1958-59, 1964-65

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Born Sydney – grew up in Homebush and Croydon

Where did you play your junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?

I started to play in the park with a rubbish bin as the wicket. Developed my skills in a church competition on malthoid wickets.

Homebush Boys High – 1st Eleven in 4th and 5th Years as a middle order batsman and off spinner. Developed my pace bowling under intense guidance of experts for 3 years at my workplace.

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

I studied accountancy at Sydney Technical College, converted to the then new Commerce Degree at UNSW.

Then I attended the AGM at UNSWCC in 1958 and was invited to the first net practice – picked in first team (A Shires) for the first game and all subsequent games.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

As a part-time student, UNSW Cricket gave me a feeling of belonging and playing a good grade of cricket.

It was a great pleasure playing beside pleasant young men who became great friends.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious)

Middo is usually my shortened name

The Table above outlines some of your Club achievements, roles, and honours. Can you give us an insight into how you saw your contribution to UNSW Cricket, which do you consider the most important?

I was always given the new ball so I felt I needed to get early wickets using pace, variation, swing and accuracy. I loved fielding and made a study of it – it was never boring.

What did it mean to you to be awarded life membership?

I was pleased that my contribution was appreciated.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

- **Getting 9 for 11 and being written up in the Sunday paper**
- **Captaining the UNSWCC eleven, the only team to win against the touring NZ University team**
- **Winning the Captain John Morris fielding trophy the second time**
- **Playing every Saturday with the finest teams of cricketers I have experienced**

In what profession or area of work are/were you mainly involved? What are your main interests outside cricket?

**I held commercial management positions in Iron Ore mining, Chemical, Industrial gases, Aluminium Smelting and associated industries.
Played golf, tennis, squash and now lawn bowls**

Where are you now?

I am happily retired with a lovely wife of 62 years in Lindfield and playing lawn bowls – I am closely connected to church and classical music groups.

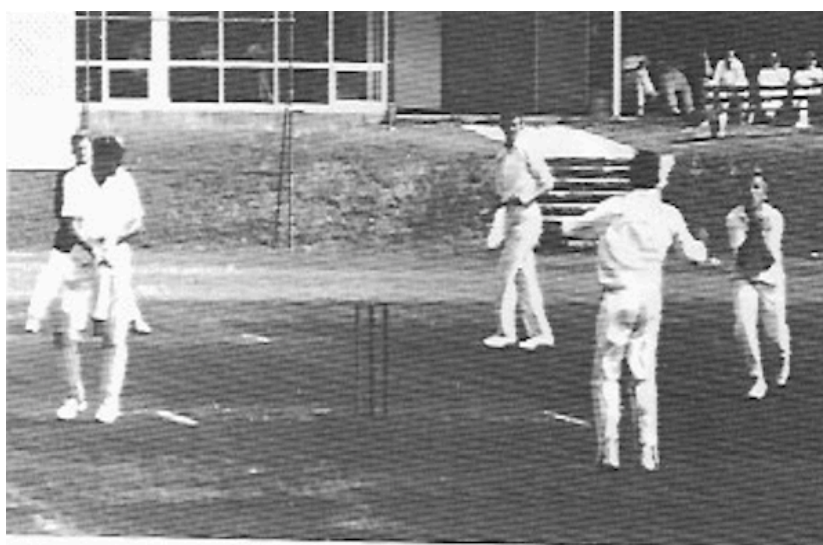
Anything else you would like to add

- **Fast bowling has contributed to two hip replacements, a knee replacement and one foot bone fusion – but I would not change one thing**
- **We should remember the contribution of Clem Barrington to the UNSWCC**
- **I remember Wally Burke, Commerce lecturer who used to come and watch net practice – recommending I should bowl more around the wicket**
- **I remember a retired Randwick Coogee Cricket Club fast bowler coming to net practice and impressing on me the benefit of bowling off a straight front leg**

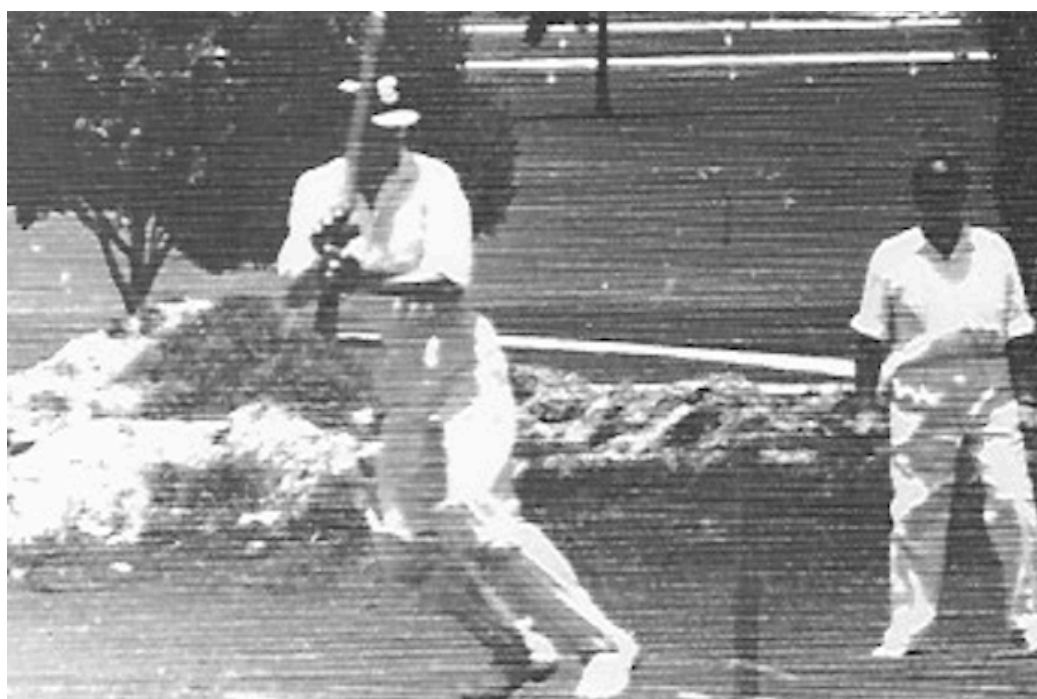
Playing Record

John Middleton									
Years Played			Grade			1973-1982			
			Shires			1958-1972			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	6	9	5	37	9.3	14			
5	1	1	0	1	1.0	1			
CS	10	8	3	111	22.2	31	2		
Shires	Unav.	122	11	1421	12.8	48	68		
Totals	17	140	19	1570	13.0	48	70		
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	6	67	9	7	288	41.1			
5	1	10		2	37	18.5		2 for 37	
CS	10	116	10	27	265	9.8			
S	Unav.	1869	356	439	6008	13.7	Unav.	Unav.	
Totals		2062	375	475	6598	13.9			

Photographs from 1960's



John Chegwyn catches a flyer - John Piggot wicket keeping
Note Southern Amenities building in background



Leg glance actually came off



Bowled - John Pigott wicket keeping



No. 9 Batsman doing what he likes best