

THE NEW SOUTH WALES UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

1955 - 56.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1956.

Gentlemen,

We submit this, the Sixth Annual Report of the University of Technology Cricket Club.

. During the 1955-56 season the activities of the Club were restricted to participation in the "B" Shires Saturday Afternoon Competition, to a number of social matches with City & Suburban teams and to one Inter-College match against Newcastle University College and one Inter-Varsity match against Queensland University.

A very disappointing feature of the year so far as the Cricket Club was concerned was that the "A" Shires Team which played in the previous season had to be withdrawn from the competition in 1955 - 56. During the 1954 - 55 season great difficulty was experienced in finding sufficient players to fill two cricket teams regularly on Saturday afternoons. Consequently it was deemed necessary at the beginning of the 1955 - 56 season, due to lack of support, to enter only one team in Saturday afternoon competition.

However the "B" Shires Team which was fielded throughout the season had a very satisfying record, not all together on the field, but certainly socially.

A general improvement in the standard of play was obtained as shown by the improved match results, but more important, we feel, was a development during the season of a team spirit - sponsored at least partly by the meetings in the Clubhouse after the matches.

It is hoped that a drive for players in the coming months will provide sufficient members to allow us to field at least two and possibly three teams regularly each Saturday afternoon in the coming season.

Two very successful events took place last season which augor well for the Club. These were the visit of a cricket team from Queensland University to Sydney with the N.S.W.U.T. Cricket Club host and a visit by a N.S.W.U.T. team to Newcastle to play an Inter-College Match.

The Queensland team spent four days in Sydney from Monday 12th December, 1955 to Thursday 15th December. A three day match was played between the two Universities at Kensington Oval (the results of which are given in the Captain's report) and on each evening social functions were arranged:-

A party was held on the first night of the visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Butler; on the second night a Harbour Cruise and Barbecue was negotiated without casualty and on the final night an Official Dinner was held in the Refectory at Kensington. The visit was, we feel sure, from the both the cricket and social point of view an unqualified success.

Tribute must be paid here to Mr. Barry Frawley who did a fine job in arranging the visit.

During the visit a meeting of representatives from each club was held. The meeting decided to recommend to A.U.S.A. that a triangular Inter-Varsity competition be held in the coming season between New England University, Queensland University and N.S.W.U.T. at Sydney and Armidale.

Towards the end of the season a team representing our Club visited Newcastle and played a one day match against Newcastle University College. Again we feel that the trip was a complete success and it is hoped that matches with Newcastle College will become a regular event.

During Christmas a Club Party was held at the home of Stan Livingstone. Although the attendance was not large the night turned out to be a very enjoyable one.

It may be thought from this record of Club activities that the Club was most successful off the field. This was probably true but we hope in 1956 that our performance in both fields of activity may be improved.

At this stage we should like to express our thanks to the following people who particularly assisted the club in the previous year.

Barry Frawley for his organisation of the Inter-Varsity match

Stan Livingstone and Mrs. Livingstone for solid support throughout the season and for the use of their home for the Christmas Party.

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Butler for their kind help during the Queensland visit.

Mr. G. Borwick (Vice President) for his interest in Club activities and interesting talks.

Mr. I.R. Cracknell for his help in Club Administration.

The Executive
Committee.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

During the 1955 - 56 season the Club fielded a team in the N.S.W. Cricket Association's Municipal and Shire "B" Grade Competition. No team was entered in the "A" Grade because of lack of players. Due to the unusually wet weather towards the end of the season two matches were abandoned. Of the sixteen matches, three were won on the first innings, two lost outright after leading on the first innings (team still gains seven points), four lost on the first innings, two lost outright, one drawn and two abandoned.

In addition the Club played Newcastle University College at Newcastle Sports Ground in the inaugural annual match. A combined University of Technology - Newcastle University College team played the second annual match against the University of Queensland at Kensington Oval. Scores in these games were:-

University of Technology 136 (Beard 52 n.o., Cook 3 - 29, Cross 3 - 32) defeated Newcastle University College 83 (Lonsdale 24, Fowler 5 - 28, Beard 3 - 26).

University of Queensland 242 (O'Sullivan 76 Fordham 38, Parisi 30 Lawrence 3 - 27, Beard 2 - 43, Butler 2 - 67) and 7 - 129 (McDonnell 29, Fordham 28, O'Sullivan 23 Best 5 - 66) defeated University of Technology 198 (Thomson (Newcastle) 67, Best 34, Milne 23, Walters 9 - 76) and 171 (Robertson (Newcastle) 46, Milne 29, Thomson 25, Irwin 25, McDonnell 7 - 49, Walters 3 - 70).

The averages for the shire Competition are given at the end of the report.

The best effort by the team was against Canterbury, when set 225 to win, The University scored 267. The most interesting game was against Lane Cove, when we scored 144 and had the opposition 8 - 38 at the end of the first day.

Lane Cove went on to score 80, averted the fellow - on, dismissed us for 70 and won the match outright by four wickets in the last over of the day.

The most outstanding player of the season was John Beard who headed both the batting and bowling averages. Only the bad weather at the end of the season prevented him from obtaining 50 wickets. He bowled consistently well all the season and in the last match against Lane Cove he took the first five wickets for none, finished the day with seven wickets for 4 runs and ended up with 8 for 19, then went on to top score in each innings - 42 and 28 not out. He also scored a chanceless 52 not out against Newcastle.

Ron Nay, who is the State's reserve wicket-keeper, captained the teams against Queensland and Newcastle, and gave a faultless exhibition of wicket-keeping on both occasions. We were unfortunate in not getting the services of leg-spinner Lionel Fowler earlier in the season. In his only Shire game Lionel had the figures 6 - 14 and 0 - 18, and took 5 - 28 against Newcastle.

Apart from individual performances, the important factor about the team was their keenness and sportsmanship. The gatherings in the Clubroom at Randwick after matches, for the purpose of a talk and a few drinks, did much to develop comradie and a good team spirit.

In the coming season we need many more players so that we can fields at least two teams. Also we have to send a team to Brisbane and possibly to Armidale, and to play Newcastle in Sydney. If we can get more players and supporters we can develop into a strong club and we can look forward next season to many happy days in the sun.

Stanley Livingstone.
Captain.

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AVERAGES 1955 - 56 SHIRE COMPETITION.

BATTING.

	I	N.O.	H.S.	R.	Av.
J. Beard	18	6	42	246	20.50
Khoo	3	0	44	54	18.00
G. Wheeler	19	1	57	292	16.20
R. Emerson(V.C.)	20	0	55	233	11.63
R. Warner	17	1	54*	178	11.12
K. Barr	16	3	55	142	19.92
S. Livingstone(C)	17	1	23	172	10.73
B. Frawley	15	0	27	158	10.52
I. Irwin	13	0	36	105	8.06
J. Sugden	13	5	32*	60	7.50
R. Butler	16	1	21	111	7.39
W. Dwyer	8	1	14	34	4.25
K. Clemens	4	0	7	16	4.00
K. Faulkes	8	2	12*	24	3.00
R. Robbins	3	0	6	6	2.00
G. Wilton	4	0	4	7	1.75

BOWLING.

	O	M	R	W	Av.
J. Beard	143	17	646	46	14.03
S. Livingstone	85	0	596	35	17.01
R. Butler	77	5	430	13	33.04
J. Sugden	58	4	291	8	36.36
W. Dwyer	5	0	42	1	42.00
I. Irwin	18	0	140	2	70.00
K. Barr	9	0	40	0	-----
