



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profile

Prof. Stan Livingstone



Circa 1975

Roles and Honours

President	1963-64
Blues Committee	1972-73, 1973-74
Team Captain	B Shires 1954-55, 1955-56, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61, C Shires 1972-73

Individual Profile

Compiled by Greig Robinson

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

It seems Stan was born in Sydney in 1920.

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

This is unclear but Stan was obviously enamoured with cricket from a young age because he recalled watching “every ball” of the 2 ‘Bodyline Tests’ in Sydney in 1932/3 when he “had just turned 12.” It seems reasonable to surmise Stan would have played cricket at school and in early adulthood while he worked as a labourer and probably with the Navy during his time in that service. Stan matriculated when he was 29, and from there had an outstanding academic career. He became a doyen of the Chemistry Dept at UNSW, rising to become the Professor of Inorganic Chemistry (1968-85), an Emeritus Professor, and a stalwart of UNSWCC from its earliest days.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

Stan obviously loved the game but also the camaraderie. He and his wife (bravely) hosted the Club’s Christmas Party at their home in 1953/4 season and many years later they still often hosted after game bar-b-q’s for whatever team Stan was in.

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

Stan - probably because he was older and a Professor he was above nicknames. In fact in the early 1960’s, with the usual twinkle in his eye, he told a young team mate, who called him “Sir”, that he had not been knighted so to, “either call me Dr Livingstone or Stan.”

What role/s have you had in UNSWCC; playing, administration, support. Please indicate: Seasons played? Roles fulfilled and when? Other involvement?

Club President 1963-4; Acting President in 1960/61

B Shires Captain 1955/56-56/7; 1958/59-60/61; C Shires Captain 1972/3

Stan first played in a Sydney Technical College team, mainly recruited from the Chemistry Dept in 1948/9 on mats in Moore Park. He first played in the University of Technology Cricket Club (became UNSWCC in 1958/9) in its second season in 1952/3. He played until 1980, aged 59, only missing a couple of seasons while on academic leave.

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

Stan was proud and delighted.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

Stan was very proud that he, along with Clem Barrington, was interviewed by the Grade Committee in 1973 when, after many attempts, the Club successfully applied for promotion from the Shires to the Grade Competition. He also liked to recall being a prime mover in having a fence erected around the VG. He was also the first person to take 200 wickets and score 2,000 runs for the Club (1958).

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

Stan was a 'Renaissance Man' so Chemistry and cricket were not his only loves. He was an excellent researcher, teacher, an avid writer, bushwalker, traveller and mountain climber. In the early 2000's he made a list of the 50 most important people in the western world in the past 5,000 years. It included Alexander the Great, Archimedes, Joan of Arc, Galileo, Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Drake, Shakespeare, Catherine the Great of Russia, James Cook, and James Watt. His 50th choice was Sir Donald Bradman.

Where are you now?

Stan died on 21st June 2017 aged 97 years.

The information on Stan's early days is limited as this was written 4 years after his death. The information given is mainly from UNSWCC Annual Reports, an interview Stan did at the Club's Annual Dinner in 2009 and an obituary that appeared in a 2017/18 UNSWCC Annual Report that included recollections from some who played with Stan from the 1960's onwards.

Playing Record

Prof. Stan Livingstone									
Years Played			Grade			1973-1980			
			Shires			1953-1973			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
4	8	11	1	65	6.5	22	1		
5	5	5	0	25	5.0	16	1		
CS	7	7	0	78	11.1	22	0		
Shires	Unav.	276	33	3004	12.4	103			1
Totals	20	299	34	3172	12.0	103	2		1
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
4	8	27	3	3	106	35.3			
5	5	10.2	0	2	43	21.5		1 for 7	
CS	7	35	0	12	204	17.0			
S	Unav.	1364	96	390	6728	17.3			
Totals		1436.2	99	407	7081	17.4			