



**UNSW  
CRICKET CLUB**

## University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

### *Tony Epstein*



**1978**



**2000's**

### *Roles and Honours*

<b>President</b>	1978-79
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	1979-84
<b>Chairman of Selectors</b>	1971-72, 1976-77
<b>Blues Committee</b>	1984-89
<b>Team Captain</b>	C Shires 1967-68, 1968-69, 1972-73, 4th Grade 1973-74, 1976-77 5th Grade 1974-75, 1979-80, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85
<b>UNSW Sports Recognition Award</b>	1979

## Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

**Berlin, Germany in 1943, surviving in the Russian Quarter (not easy for someone with Jewish heritage) until moving to Paris and then later migrating to Australia in the early 1950's.**

**When he arrived in Sydney, Tony lived in Greenwich before settling in Maroubra, blocks from the beach.**

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

**Like all Aussie kids, cricket was played everywhere, in the streets and at school. Tony fell in love with the game during his young years at Crows Nest Boys High school.**

**His skill as a wicket keeper saw him represent NSW at Combined High School with trips interstate during these years.**

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

**Tony started at UNSW in 1962 and found his way to the Cricket Club in the 1966/67 season. He was drawn by his love of cricket.**

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

**Tony loved the sport of cricket, the strategy, the teamwork and the camaraderie and friendships.**

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

**Cosier - after the solidly built red headed Australian cricketer.**

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?

**Some of Tony's proudest moments came when he was Club President. in 1976/7 when the Club won its inaugural 1st Grade Premiership flag and in 1978/79 when the Club won its first and only (as of 2021) Club Championship flag.**

**Also designing the Club's very distinctive cap and one of its much admired T-shirts (The Fat Man)**

**Tony also enjoyed captaincy - highlights being captaining a 4th Grade team to a Semi-Final and 5th grade to a Final despite close losses in both games. Like most non-bowlers he was also delighted after taking each of his 2 Grade wickets.**

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

**Tony was extremely proud to be recognised with this honour, from such a well-regarded Club, that he loved and helped shape.**

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

**Friendships formed, even to this day would have been Tony greatest highlights from this time with UNSW Cricket.**

**Along with simply spending Saturdays in summer playing cricket, having laughs and celebratory beers afterwards**

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

**Tony was an architect with a particular passion for large scale infrastructural projects and towards the end of this career his focus turned to heritage projects, such as the Sydney GPO. He remained passionate about manipulating and re-imagining spaces, he loved being a Grandfather (Opa) was a keen golfer, avid St George Rugby League supporter and a stamp collector, who developed a large cricket themed collection.**

Where are you now?

**Tony passed away in 2021.**

Anything else you would like to add

**This profile has been compiled after Tony's death by Greig Robinson with the assistance of Tony's family, especially his wife Anne and daughter Nikki, and the many friends Tony made while at the Club.**

# Playing Record

Tony Epstein										
Years Played			Grade		1973-1986					
			Shires		1966-1973					
<b>BATTING</b>										
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	Stumpings	50's	100's
3	2	3	0	19	6.3	3				
4	60	73	9	963	15.0	56	40		1	
5	114	138	16	2437	20.0	70	68	2	7	
6	1	1	0	95	95.0	95			1	
CS	2	2	0	79	39.5	65			1	
Shires	Unav.	121	20	1652	16.4	50	45	6		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5245</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>BOWLING</b>										
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best		
4	60	11	1	1	64	64.0				
5	114	21	2	1	99	99.0		2 for 7		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>81.5</b>				



Club Champions 1978-79

Tony President 1979 at left of Alan Davidson, President NSWCA

**UNSW Cricket Club**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade finalists 1977/78 – V Balmain, Drummoyne Oval**



Back: Ralph Merrell, John Bolton, Harold Bundy, Patrick Thompson, Michael Clarke, Tony Epstein  
Front: Mick Burden, Ian Anderson, Bill Hetherington, John MacFarlane, Keith Madden, Jeff Cutler

## **New Zealand Tour 1978**



Back: Paul Deegan, John Carmichael, Murray Archer, Ralph Merrell, Glen Clark, Greig  
Robinson, Richard Campbell, Clayton Jones, Tony Epstein  
Middle: Patrick Thompson, Paddy Grattan-Smith, Jim Robson  
Front: Peter Tout, Jim O'Brien, Andrew McMaster, Tom Grattan-Smith